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"We have done everything

to face the challenge (of the

Palestinian problem) together.

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have thrown up a few surprises

which could result in a lack of

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between the PLO and Israel in

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Jordanian and Palestinian peo-

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not accept any more Palesti-

nian refugees, having been de-

luged after the wars in 1948

The King also hinted that the Prince Abdullah bridge,

the most southerly of the

bridges linking the West Bank

with Jordan, closed since the

1967 war in which Israel seized

the occupied territories, could

"Once the Palestinians have

Autonomy accord takes effect; Israel, PLO get down to details

CAIRO - Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisa: tion (PLO) took new steps towards peace after a century of conflict on Wednesday, opening detailed talks on Palestinian self-rule and vowing to meet a tight timetable for Israel to withdraw from Gaza and Jericho.

A liaison committee headed by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, and the PLO's Mahmoud Abbas held its first meeting in Cairo, as scheduled in the historic declaration of principles they signed on the White House lawn exactly a

Teams of experts met in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Taba and began planning the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho after 25 years of occupation.

Mr. Peres and Mr. Abbas said they had agreed to over-all liaison committee would meet every two or three weeks. the Taba talks would run almost continuously to reach agreement by Dec. 13, and an economic cooperation commit-tee had been formed to plan the economic rescue of the West Bank and Gaza.

Talks to thrash out the details of the Sept. 13 accord took place in "a constructive and positive atmosphere." according to a joint statement read by Mr. Shimon Peres.

The two sides also announced plans for the immediate establishment of a



Gaza Strip, carrying his son on the back of his bicycle, rides pass a pro-PLO graffiti, on the eve of the official start of the autonousy in Gaza and Jericho (AFP photo)

ministerial-level committee to "deal with economic policy issues and economic cooperation between the two sides."

Prosperity is considered a key to the success of the accord for Palestinian autonomy. As the accord went into effect on Wednesday there was

no repeat of the celebrations in the occupied territories which followed the signing of the The Islamic Resistance

Movement Hamas called a protest strike, and troops clashed with demonstrators wounding two Palestinians. Against that background, Mr. Peres said in a brief speech earlier bere that the opening of the talks was a "historic moment," adding "we shall work to apply the peace agreement

for the good of our peoples, and we are earnest about it." Mr. Abbas said that they were "armed with good faith and will to achieve a real

Mr. Peres and Mr. Abbas smiled broadly after the discus-

They shook hands in front of the media, in an atmosphere markedly different from the coolness that surrounded PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin when they met in Carro : Afterwards Gen. Shahak

last week.
In Taba, the PLO called for Israel to make a quick with-drawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

"I want to achieve implementation (of the autonomy) as quick as possible," Palestinian delegation leader Nabil Shaath said before a tete-a-tete meeting with Deputy Chief of Staff General Amnon Shahak, the head of the Israeli delegation to the talks.

Under the declaration of principles, Israeli troops are to begin withdrawing by Dec. 13 complete the pull-out by April 13 at the latest.

with the PLO man saying "we are going to succeed" at the

Gen. Shahak, a 49-year-old general who took part in a 1973 undercover operation in Beirut which left three senior PLO men dead, refused to comment on the opening session of milit-

One of the Palestinian delegates here, Mahmoud Okasha, said the most important issue was to define the scope of the autonomy area of Jericho, which was not specified in the declaration of principles.

In Tunis, Mr. Arafat and Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin agreed to act swiftly and respect the agenda for their peace accord, an Israeli official said on Wednes-

Mr. Beilin met Mr. Yasser Arafat for 90 minutes on Tuesday night at the PLO's headqualiters in Tunis.

"The meeting went fine...they agreed to do everyagenda," an Israeli spokesman said.

Mr. Beilin in Tunis for an international conference on Middle East refugees, also joined a working session on Wednesday with Hakam Bala-wi, a close aide to Mr. Arafat.

Mr. Rabin, speaking to Israel Radio during a visit to China, said the outcome of the Taba talks would be a test for extending self-rule to other Palestinian areas. having anticipated then that

Peace must reflect on people's life — King

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein said Wednesday a qualitative improvement of the life of the people in the Middle East should be an inevitable element in any regional peace settlement.

The King, in an interview with Yomiuri Shimbun, Japan's leading daily, reaf-firmed Jordan's principled approach to the Middle East peace process and the Kingdom's commitment to supporting the Palestinian people in all possible areas.

Having signed an agenda for peace talks with Israel on Sept.14, one day after the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Jewish state signed their historic agreement, Jordan now intends to move "very rapidly with all the items that have been worked out as those of importance regarding the Jordanian-Israeli dimension of the talks," the King told interviewers Kazyhiko Fujiwara and Daisuke Murakami. (The interview appears in Thursday's edition of Yomiuri Shimbun. A transcript of the inter-

Jordan Times Wednesday). He noted that Jordan will also be involved in the "trilateral dimension" of the peace process with the Palestinians and Israelis, and the multilaterals -- "an area where we are very involved and will be (involved) as we were the first to accept the multilaterals,

view was made available to the

King to meet Mubarak soon

CAIRO (AFP) — King Hus-sein said he will meet President Hosni Mubarak shortly... in an interview published Wednesday in the weekly Al Mussawar

"I am not sure where we will meet but the meeting will take place," either in Egypt or Jordan, the Monarch said. . It will be the first scheduled

Summit meeting between the two leaders since the 1991 Gulf war, although the two did meet last year during a courtesy visit after an earthquake rocked

Asked whether a negotiating protocol signed Sept. 14 between Jordan and Israel would lead to peace between the two, the King replied that "a peace treaty, involving normalisation and the establishment of diplomatic relations, will take

He said he hoped for a glob-al peace solution involving the vhole region.
King Hussein voiced re-,

servations about the possibility of a Palestinian-Jordanian confederation linking the occupied territories with the Kingdom.

there will come a time when reaffirmed what he said in a there will be an opportunity to speech to the nation Tuesday resolve all aspects of the conthat Jordan will not accept any flict with the hope that all the sovereignty "other than that of God," and expressed hope that world come together to help somehow that there will be a make that a point there is a basic change... in the quality of way worked out that this life of people who have been sovereignty will be recognised

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Church leaders in Tunis peace mission

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — Leaders of several Christian churches in the Holy Land have set off on a peace mission to meet Palestinian officials and perhaps Yasser Arafat in Tunis this week; religious officials said Wednesday. The purpose of the meeting is simply to offer support and encouragement to the peace process," John Tidy; Anglican dean of St. George's Cathedral, told AFP. "Our bishop wrote to Yasser Arafat and to Yitzhak Rabin. It's a dual thing. Our concern is to encourage both sides in the nego-tiations." Archbishop of Can-

terbury George Carey had also written to the Israeli prime minister and Mr. Arafat to express support, Tidy said. A spokesman from the Greek Catholic Church said the Tunis talks were expected to take place on Thursday after the arrival of the delegation flying via Rome. Among the delegation are Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, Greek Catholic Archbishop of Jerusalem Lutfi Laham, head of the Maronite Church in Jerusalem Monsignor Augustin Harfourche and Monsignor Pierre Abdul Ahad of the Syrian Catholic Church in Jerusalem. Archdeacon Riah 'Abu Al Assal from

3,000 policemen recruited in Gaza

the Anglican Church.

Nazareth will be representing

GAZA CITY (AFP) - The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has selected 3,000 from the 11,000 candidates to train for the new Palestinian police force on the Gaza Strip, the official in charge of recruitment told AFP Wednesday. The officers would be trained on the Gaza Strip, Ibrahim Mohana said, to be part of the corps set up to maintain public order under the Sept. 13 autonomy agreement. Another 387 former Arab policemen who resigned from the Israeli force at the start of the Intifada in December 1987 will also join the 3,000. And 60 women recruits will be going for training to Egypt where about 50 men are already at a police suggested they could include academy, Mr. Mohana added. suggested they could include the release of U.S. helicopter

has hinted that a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Washington could be possible before the end of the year, a daily newspaper has

reported.

The director general of the Israeli foreign ministry, Uri Savir, said no such meeting had been arranged, but added that the prime minister announced he was prepared to meet Mr. Assad.

"I didn't hear (Assad) hinting," he told Israel Television.
"There is no need to hint, they want to meet, go right ahead." The mass circulation Yediot Ahronot said the Syrian president secretly told a few heads of state: "If we get the additional clarification regarding the continuation of the negotiations with Israel, there would be nothing from my side preventing a meeting with Mr. Rabin in Washington before the end of 1993."

Yediot intimated that the clarification Mr. Assad had in

MOGADISHU - U.S. spe-

cial envoy to Somalia Robert

Oakley Wednesday called on supporters of fugitive warlord

Mohammad Farah Aideed to

free U.N. prisoners they were

holding, but ruled out any bar-

General Aideed's faction, Mr.

Oakley said the release of a

Nigerian U.N. soldier and

U.S. helicopter pilot held captive would be an "encouraging sign," but "no ransom" would

be paid for them. "We are not

paying money for prisoners."

Mr. Oakley said he had a "long, frank conversation"

Tuesday with a delegation

from Gen. Aideed's Somali

National Alliance (SNA), led

by the SNA's foreign affairs

director Issa Mohammad Syad.

expected positive develop-

ments in the next few days and

Mr. Oakley told reporters he

Speaking to journalists after talks with representatives of

gaining over them.

he added.

Heights.

It said the Syrian president was interested in an "American umbrella and American guarantees," for an agree-

In Cairo, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres hinted Wednesday that peace between Israel and Syria would be hard to achieve without direct negotiations at the level of prime minister and presi-

Mr. Peres, in Cairo for talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) on implementing an outline agreement on Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. was speaking to reporters after meeting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

He said Mr. Mubarak asked him where Israel stood on peace with Syria. Egypt has been trying to persuade Israel that it is wrong to argue that progress with Syria must be delayed while public opinion

Oakley seeks captives' release

pilot Michael Durant and the

Kofi Annan Wednesday

warned here of the risk U.N.

could pose to the world body's

operations elsewhere, stressing

that U.N. forces had for the

firt time become the main

bearing on operations around the world," Mr. Annan said.

He added that while the U.N.

mandate to bring to justice

those responsible for killing 24

Pakistani troops in June still

held, discussions were under.

way on "how best to imple-

ment the mandate to avoid

have contributed troops find

the fatalities in this operation

unsustainable and unaccept-

able," Mr. Annan told repor-

He added: "Nobody was

quite prepared for the level of

violence and it shocks the

world, it shocks the U.N." Mr.

"The member states which

further bloodshed."

ters in Mogadishu.

"What we do here has a

U.N. peacekeeping chief

Nigerian soldier.

"We told h' a basically we would like to nave peace with the Syrians and the Lebanese and make a comprehensive peace, so peace can be complete, but only if the Syrians will understand that negotiations can be conducted on equal grounds," Mr. Peres said somewhat cryptically.

gested he meant that President Assad must agree to meet Mr.

Mr. Peres said the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat "opened the skies on the hearts of many people by coming to (occupied) Jerusalem and encouraging fully fledged negotiations on all levels, on all topics."

"Israeli public opinion can bardly understand why the Syrians refuse to negotiate and come forth as it is accepted now in the 20th century," he

Annan is on a three-day visit to

Somalia to review the U.N.

operation, which has been

criticised for excessive use of

Gen. Aideed was declared a

wanted man by the United

Nations after his militiamen

ambushed and killed 24 Pakis-

tani U.N. troops in Moga-

Mr. Oakley indicated that

any attempt to rescue the cap-

tive U.N. troops would not

mean a resumption of hostili-

Mr. Oakley said he told the SNA that the "U.S. is in no

Fighting between U.N.

forces and Gen. Aideed's fol-

lowers died down after Gen.

Aideed declared a unilateral

ceasefire on Saturday. Mr.

Oakley said the U.N. was also

Gen. Aideed had sent a let-

ter to U.S. president Bill Clin-

ton requesting an independent

inquiry into the June ambush

of Pakistani troops, Mr. Oak

observing a tacit ceasefire.

way replacing the U.N."

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Symind was an Israeli agreement rian President Hafez Al Assad to withdraw from the Golan Palestinians. Gaza strike

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — The beginning of the end of Israeli occupation of the Gaza Strip and Jericho was marred Wednesday by clashes with soldiers and a strike called by Islamic fundamentalists opposed to the antonomy deal.

Troops opened fire and wounded two demonstrators at Deir Al Balah refugee camp after they came under a hail of rocks, a correspondent re-

One of the two youths was shot in the chest and seriously injured. .

Soldiers also broke up a protest at Jabalia refugee camp where about 150 youths protested against the autonomy

In Rafah, on the border with Egypt, masked Palestinians from the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine stopped cars which were on the road in defiance of the strike and slashed their tyres.

Palestinian militants also fired warning shots in the air at

The historic accord came into effect with Hamas declaring a general strike on the first day, during which negotiations. started in Egypt on implementing autonomy.

The stoppage, backed by threats of violence, paralysed the Gaza Strip but had less effect on the West Bank. Only schools remained open

with all shops and other work places closed. Traffic was light on the West Bank but roads were deserted in Gaza where protestors burnt tyres at road junctions and soldiers patrolled in force.

The strike is supported by 10 Palestinian groups fiercely opposed to the deal and sworn to boycott all the institutions of the autonomous regime.

. "We warn that any one who breaks the strike will be punished," Hamas warned, in slogans painted on the walls of

Assad 'ready to meet Rabin' | Hamas and | Jordan demands implementation of 194 to end refugee problem

affected for so many years."

On Jerusalem, the King

TUNIS (Agencies) — Jordan Wednesday demanded that the Palestinian refugees problem should be settled on the basis of U.N. Resolution 194 so that those who have been displaced as a result of the Arab-Israeli wars can determine their own future and become an integral part of the Palestinian society on Palestinian soil.

"In Jordan's view, the working groups on refugees emanating from the multilateral phase of the peace process is the proper forum for ensuring the implementation of Resolution 194," Marwan Dudin, Jordan's delegate, told the working group on refugees which opened a meeting in Tunis Tuesday.

"Palestinian refugees who have been living in camps in Jordan since 1948 are afraid that they have been forgotten and that their rights to repatriation or compensation have been ignored," he said.

The source of these fears, Mr. Dudin added, "lies in statements made by Israeli leaders on the question of the refugees and the displaced per-

Therefore, he said, Jordan calls on the conference and the working group on the refugees to bring to an end "this feeling of pessimism and despair prevailing among the Palestinian refugees and to revive hope and dignity for them."

Stressing this point, Mr. Dudin said that the world community should reassert the refugees' rights based on international laws and U.N. resolu-

"In fact, such move can give due impetus to the declaration of principles agreed on between the Israelis and Palestimans," and which went into

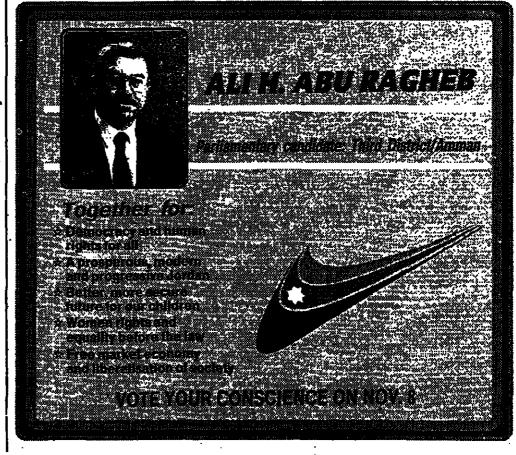
force Wednesday, he added. In Jordan's view, Mr. Dudin said, the first step to help settle the problem lies in carrying out a family reunion programme This first but important step, which would restore hope to the refugees should be followed by other steps on the part of Israel which is responsible for the occupation of Palestinian land over the past four decades.

Overcoming this predicament in an acceptable manner will not only mark a major success for the conference and the working group on refugees but would also ensure further successes for the Middle East peace process, Mr. Dudin said.

Mr. Dudin said Jordan, which has shouldered heavy responsibilities by hosting the Palestinian refugees, is ready to continue this mission until the Palestinians regain the right to self-determination in their own national soil.

With reference to the donor nations' conference held in

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Allies move at U.N. to pass **Libya resolution**

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The United States, Britain and France expect the Security Council to adopt a resolution tightening sanctions against Libva by the end of the week, diplomats said.

The allies have virtually given up hope that two Librans accused of bombing a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988 would surrender for trial in the United States or Britain.

The new draft bans the sale to Libya of equipment used in oil refineries and transport and freezes some financial assets abroad, but oil drilling equip-ment and sale, Libya's lifeline, are excluded from the resolution as well as monies earned from oil products after the resolution is adopted.

However, diplomatic sources said Tuesday the text was not final yet following objections from Russia to the freezing of Tripoli's assets abroad that would make it impossible for Libya to repay about \$4 billion in debts to Moscow,

The allies are considering revisions before a vote they hope will take place on Thursday or Friday that might be more amenable to Moscow. The sources said Russia had argued for consideration of its deht, saying that the resolution was drawn up in such a way that states which bought oil from Libya could continue to

The suspects, Abdul Baset Ali Al Megrahi and Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah, have been indicted in the United States and Britain on charges of planting the bomb that blew up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie on December 21, 1988. All 259 abourd and 11 on the ground were killed.

The new measures are meant to pressure Libya into surrendering the two men for trial in Scotland or the United States and meeting demands of a French magistrate in a sepa-rate investigation of a 1989 UTA airliner bombing over

Niger in which 171 died. The three allies are virtually

certain they have the nine votes required in the 15-member council to adopt the draft resolution. But abstentions from key members would send a political signal of a divided

A 1992 resolution imposing an arms, air and diplomatic embargo on Libya, was approved by only 10 votes, with five states abstaining and questioning the legality of the measures.

China abstained on the April 1992 resolution and is expected to do so again.

Libya has said the two could stand trial in Scotland if they agreed. But a team of international lawyers said on Sunday that pre-trial publicity in the United States and Scotland was prejudicial towards their

They also said that in the absence of normal extradition procedures, the prosecutors had refused to disclose evidence and thereby hindered the defence in preparing for

Libya blasts French stance

Libya said France was blocking progress over the bombing of the French airliner over Niger in 1989 by taking the "extreme" stance of link-

ing it with the Lockerbie crisis. Libyan radio quoted a Foreign Ministry statement Tues-day saying that Libya was fol-lowing a 1992 United Nations resolution which urged it to cooperate with the investigation of the UTA bombing.

"Despite all the cooperation, responsiveness and flexibility shown by the Libyan judicial powers to the ...French authorities, France still rejects a solution to its problem with Libya which it links with a solution to the Lockerbie issue," the radio monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) said.

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Mubarak reappoints premier

CAIRO (AFP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who on Tuesday promised sweeping changes to the government, on Wednesday reappointed outgoing Prime Minister Atef Sedki to continue in.

Dr. Sedki, who became premier in 1986, for his part said he would shortly appoint a new cabinet in line with measures outlined by Mr. Mubarak in a speech to parliament Tuesday.

Mr. Mubarak, who was inaugurated for a third six-year presidential term Tuesday, said the "absolute priority" for the government was to concentrate on the fight against Islamic militants, currently waging a violent anti-government cam-

The president also promised wholesale changes to give a new impetus to the executive and inject new blood."

In his letter of appointment to Dr. Sedki, Mr. Mubarak outlined seven priorities for the new government.

Besides the battle against militants, which has seen more than 200 people killed since it was launched early last year, Mr. Mubarak said the priority was a continuation of an eco-nomic austerity programme

launched in 1991. Dr. Sedki, a former economics professor at Cairo University, has been in charge of the programme, stipulated by the International Monetary Fund, which succeeded in stabilising the currency and reducing the budget deficit.

According to Mr. Mubarak, the fight against unemployment currently at 20 per cent, according to conservative estimates will also be stepped up, as will a population control programme and educational and social reforms.

The social reforms, the president said, were aimed at improving the standard of living of millions of people below the poverty line.

Dr. Sedki said Wednesday that "changes in the government will not just be token



Palestinian peace deal stuns settlers

VERED JERICHO, West Bank (R) — Israeli settlers, stunned by the approach of Palestinian self-rule in their neighbourhood, handed an army officer this week a wish list for more soldiers, streetlights and barbed-wire fences.

People are in a state of shock and they don't know what to do, said Shai Bazak, a spokesman for the 100,000 Jews living in settlements scattered among some two million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. A cloud of uncertainty hangs

especially heavy over Vered Jericho, a settlement of 37 Jewish families overlooking Jericho, the first West Bank town slated for Palestinian autonomy.

Under the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) accord — the details of which were due to be discussed at meetings in Egypt Wednesday — Israeli troops will begin withdrawing from Jericho. population 15,000, and the Gaza Strip in exactly two

"Uncertainty is the biggest enemy of Israelis in the territories now," said Yaron Solomon, agricultural coordinator for Vered Jericho and other Jordan Valley settlements. "People here call themselves

the prisoners of autonomy. as a bargaining chip," he said.
On Saturday, Palestinians
killed two Israeli hikers at a

scenic ravine near Jericho. On Monday, Vered Jericho residents delivered a list of 10 security demands to West Bank ármy commander Zeev The government has vowed

to protect the settlers living in enclaves behind barbed-wire fences. Yet even deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Gur admitted during a visit on Monday: "Their mood is very gloomy.

The peace deal was the third blow to the settlers since Prime Minister Rabin's Labour Party came to power in July 1992, accelerating peace moves and curbing settlements built up during 15 years of hardline Likud Party rule.

On taking office Mr. Rabin immediately froze most new settlement construction. He then drastically cut the financial incentives that lured many Jews to the occupied terri-

When last month Mr. Rabin sealed the deal with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Washington, Palestinians in Jericho celebrated, the settlers began worrying.

Afghan tribal army defeats rivals, marches on border

ern district centre of Sarobi, has pressed on towards the Pakistan border, the tribal leader told AFP Wednesday.

We defeated our attackers and pushed them back. Our frontline is now 50 kilometres from here," said the Pushtun leader of the Kuchi Ahmadzai tribal war party, Haji Munjay. Some 60 to 70 people were

reported killed from both sides in fighting over the last three days, according to Afghan medical staff at a Germansponsored clinic in Sarobi. Between 70 and 80 people

were reported wounded, of which 20 were evacuated to Kabul Wednesday, clinic staff Sarobi, located 70

kilometres east of the Afghan capital, is now calm although most of the bazaar — where four shops were gutted by fire in the three-day shootout — was shuttered and locked.

At least one civilian -- a 12-year-old boy — was killed, and 18 others were wounded Tuesday when Defence Ministry jets in two raids dropped cluster bombs on Sarobi, local medical staff reported.

SAROBI, Afghanistan (AFP)

— An Afghan tribal army that smashed its rivals in the eastern district centre of Sarobi, crimes against fellow Muslims. "We will continue our march

> tions are met," said Haji Munjay. "If they are not, we will make war."
> Haji Munjay's brother commander Shamali Khan, an exdeputy head of the Jalalabad Shura, or council, was killed —

to Jalalabad until our condi-

suspected assassinated — in fighting five weeks ago.
"The shura must deliver the killers to us, to be judged according to Sharia (Islamic law)," Haji Munjay said.

He said the fighting in Sarobi had nothing to do with rival factions but was purely a tribal affair, with Kuchi Ahmadzai fighters coming from all over the country to join his Lash-kar, or tribal levy.

The Sarobi dam, which pro-

vides a large part of Kabul's electricity, suffered only superficial damage and was seen to be working, although Kabul was without power for the second consecutive night as the lines were out in the fighting.

The national highway to Jalalabad was still blocked, although the Kabul to Sarobi section was clear.

U.S. House lifts curbs on PLO

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House of Representatives agreed Tuesday to a bill that lifts restrictions on aid to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and opens the way for the PLO to set up an office

The voice-vote approval came a day after PLO chairman Yasser Arafat won endorsement from the organisation's policy-making council for the peace accord with Israel signed in Washington on Sept.

The Senate has already passed a similar measure, and Senate and House delegations, are expected to meet this week to work out differences.

The Middle East peace facilitation act authorises President Bill Clin on to waive legal provisions that prohibit the PLO from operating offices in the United States or receiving U.S. funds through international organisations.

The administration has pledged to contribute \$5 4 million over the next two years as part of an international effort to promote development in the new Palestinian self-govern-ment areas in the West Bank and Gaza.

The bill sets a Jan. 1 expiration date for the presidential waiver, and requires that new legislation be in effect by then if the waiver is to continue. Lawmakers set the deadline as a means of ensuring that the PLO is living up to its commit ment to recognise Israel's peace and security and re-

Rep. Howard Berman said quick passage was crucial because "it is critically important that Palestinians begin to see concrete improvements in their economic well-being and quality of life."

He noted that the House Foreign Affairs Committee had approved an amendment to the Senate version "that alerts the PLO of Congress" expectation that prior to any further waiver of this kind being approved the PLO will actively work for an end to the Arab boycott of Israel."

Rep. Charles Schumer said PLO silence on the economic boycott was one reason he opposed the bill.

'It strikes me as extremely anomalous that at the very same time that we are lifting restrictions in preparations of sending aid to the PLO, we do not hear a peep about ending the economic boycott not only of Israel but of any American firm that does business with Israel," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

17 Kurds from Iraq threatened with expulsion

MOSCOW (AFP) — Seventeen Kurdish refugees from Iraq have been detained here for illegal residence and fear being sent home against their will. A police commander said the 17 Kurds, who were arrested Sunday in various homes in Moscow, would be expelled to Iraq. But, he added, a special committee was looking into their case. The Kurds told AFP through a representative, Aboubaker Garib, that the police had assaulted one of their number, 18-year-old Alan Mohammad. They also said that several of them held U.N. documents classifying them as refugees, but that the police had refused to recognise these papers. The Kurds said that above all they feared being sent back to Iraq. Since the government declared a state of emergency in Moscow on Oct. 3 — the day before troops stormed the parliament building - police have carried out numerous raids on houses and arrested foreigners without valid residence permits.

Two killed in Algerian train attack

ALGIERS (R) - Two drivers were killed when militants derailed a goods train east of Algiers and set fire to wagons containing petrol, the official APS news agency said Tuesday. The militants unbolted the rails overnight on Monday, causing the train to hop the tracks near Kadiria, APS said. The militants, who are fighting the Algerian government to establish an Islamic state, then set fire to 16 of the 27 wagons, of which 16 contained petrol, APS said. APS did not specify how the two drivers died.

Two Iranians held for carrying Prophet pictures

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Police have arrested two Iranian sailors in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for carrying pictures of the Prophet Mohammad, local newspapers reported. Police in the northern emirate of Fujeirah arrested the two last week after they found with them four large portraits. Reports said the two were to stand trial at Fujeirah criminal court. Images of Prophet are strictly forbidden under Sunnism, the majority sect of Islam espoused by most Arabs, but are accepted in Shi'ite Islam, adhered to by most Iranians.

Many Iranian sailors carry pictures of the Prophet as a protection against drowning.

Five held over Iran uranium deal case

ISTANBUL (AFP) - Five people were in custody and three others were released await trial following their appearance in court on charges of illicitly dealing in nuclear material, court sources said Tuesday. The eight, five Turks and three Iranians, had appeared before a state security court, which sent the case Monday to a lower court for hearing because the nuclear material seized was waste and not enriched uranium as first thought, the sources said. The 2.5 kilogrammes of uranium, which originally came from Russia, were seized last week in the office of a Turkish professor, Pinar Bakir. The five Turks accused had allegedly tried to sell it to three agents of the Iranian intelligence services for \$40,000 per gramme, police said. Turkey's atomic energy agency said the uranium was not sufficiently enriched to manufacture a nuclear bomb. Four of the Turks, including Mr. Bakir, and an Iranian, Davud Ahmadi, were in custody, court sources said.

Iran says it arrests Mujahideen network

NICOSIA (R) — Iranian security agents have arrested seven members of the Iraq-based dissident Mujahedeen-e-Khalq group and seized bombs and guns from them, Tehran Radio reported on Tuesday. "Thirteen smugglers who worked with the Mujahedeen running drugs across Iran from the Afghan to the Turkish border and selling it in Iran were also captured in the sweep," it quoted a statement from the intelligence ministry as saying. It said four of the Mujahedeen were sent from Iraq while three others, including a woman, were from the group's internal network. They were arrested over the past 15 days before they could carry out "bombings and acts of harrassments" they planned for this month, the statement said. Eighteen guns, eight bombs, 380 kilogrammes of opium, Mujahedeen leaflets and forged documents were seized from the 20 who were arrested in Tehran and three other provinces,

Israel arms Palestinian's bodyguards

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli police have armed bodyguards of Faisal Al Husseini, the top figure in the occupied territories. police sources said. The sources said Israel had given guns to Mr. Husseini's bodyguards and guards at the Orient House, Palestinian headquarters in East Jerusalem, as a precaution against attacks by Arab or Jewish extremists opposed to an Israel-PLO peace agreement. A spokesman for Mr. Husseini denied the report. Israelis have secretly armed prominent Palestinians in the past but most Arabs given guns by Israel have been considered collaborators and were targetted by activists of the Palestinian uprising. Mr. Husseini is overall head of the Palestinian delegation to Middle East peace talks.

Ghali to visit Iran — Iranian television

NICOSIA (R) — United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Ghali will visit Iran soon to discuss Afghanistan and other regional crises, Iranian Television reported Tuesday. It said Dr. Ghali broke the news of the visit in an interview with its reporter. "Relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran are important for the United Nations and the most important important for the United Nations and the most important items in my talks in Tehran will include problems such as Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Nagorno-Karabakh," it quoted the U.N. chief as saying. Dr. Ghali said Iran "plays an important role in promoting peace in the region" and the United Nations wanted Iran's cooperation in this regard, the television said. Dr. Ghali visited Iran in April 1992, four mosths after taking over the top U.N. post for talks centred months after taking over the top U.N. post, for talks centred mainly on the Afghan crisis. Iranian newspapers have often accused the Egyptian U.N. chief of following Washington's lead in various world crises including Somalia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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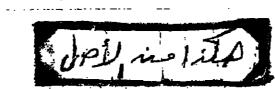
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NEWS IN BRIEF

King attends Prince Ali graduation

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Prince Ali Ibn Al Hussein was among paratrooper graduates of the special forces at a special ceremony attended by His Majesty King Hussein. Prince Ali, along with a group of paratroopers performed the free-fall jump in front of the King, Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein and Prince Hashem Ibn Al Hussein and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Lieutenant-General Abdul Hafez Kaabneh.

King sends good wishes to Yemen

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday sent a cable of good wishes to Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh on the anniversary of Yemen's October revolution. The King wished the president continued health and happiness and the Yemeni people continued progress and prosperity.

Jordan to help South Lebanon

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Salam Al Abbadi and the Lebanese Ambassador to Jordan Ahmad Ibrahim Wednesday discussed the implementation of the King's directives for Jordan's contribution to the reconstruction of the devastated South Lebanon that resulted from Israeli raids. The Jordanian assistance will be channelled through the Hashemite Charity Organisation. Dr. Abbadi is the organisation's secretary general.

Hassan returns from New York

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan returned home Wednesday after representing Jordan at the U.N. General Assembly meetings. He said he held talks with U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali and a number of foreign ministers attending the assembly's annual session and discussed with them Middle East developments and the peace process.

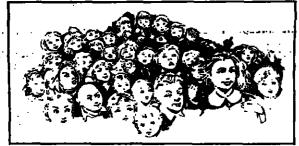
Malhas asks teachers not to smoke in classrooms

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Health Abdul Rahim Malhas Wednesday urged the Ministries of Education and Higher Education to ban teachers from smoking in classrooms and in front of their students. The minister said that teachers should serve as a good example to the students and should abstain from smoking before them since smoking is detrimental to health and to the socio-economic development of the country.

Under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor Al-Hussein The CEREBRAL PALSY FOUNDATION Invites you to participate in the

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March for good cause

AMMAN (J.T.) — "Help us to help them," is the slogan of the charity march organised by the Cerebral Palsy Foundation to take place Friday under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor. The march, which will start from the Hotel Inter-Continental Jordan (Third Circle) and end at Al Ahli Club (off the Eighth Circle), will be followed by a festival of dances and music at the club.

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Proceeds will go to the foundation's centres in Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, Aqaba and Salt. Cerebral Palsy is a condition of damage that results from mal-development in the early years

The Cerebral Palsy Foundation, established in 1977, offers medical services, rehabilitation (which includes physiotherapy, supportive therapy and a toy library); family countiselling as well as manufacturing aids and equipment like special chairs with trays and potties, exercise pillows, braces and walkers. The march starts at 10 a.m. and tickets are for JD 5 for adults and JD 3 for children and students.

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

☆ Caricature drawings exhibition by late cartoonist Naji Al Ali at the Pakistani Universities Alumni Club in Jabal

* Exhibition of handicrafts at Abu Jaher estate, Yadoudeh (next to Kan Zaman) on Friday.

☆ Art exhibition by artists Mahmond Taha and Salman Abbas at Ab'aad Art Gallery.

Photo exhibition displaying pictures from Jordan and Syria by German artist J. Swakowski at the Goethe Institute. ★ Art exhibition by Mrs. Lucy Marto, Janine Saaf, and Tete
Wegelius at the Royal Cultural Centre.

₩ Film entitled "House of Wax" at the American Centre at

FOLKLORE GROUP

Al Hanomeh Folklore Group presenting a variety of dances and songs at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m. DRAMAS

Children's drama entitled "Aladdin's Lamp" at the Royal Cultural Centre at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

BOOK EXHIBITION

☆ Comprehensive book and educational aids exhibition at the International Exhibition Hall - University Road.

OPEN DISCUSSION

↑ Open discussion with Sudanese artist Mohammad Omar Khali at Darat Al Funun, Jabai Luweibdeh at 6:00 p.m.



Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Wednesday visited the Department of Antiquities and discussed with its director archaeological activities carried out at various sites in cooperation with foreign agencies. The prime minister said that close cooperation between the department and

other government bodies was required to belp preserve the antiquities of Jordan and guard archaeological sites that form attraction for tourists. Dr. Majali said that owing to Jordan housing a great deal of antiquities, excavating and preserving archaeological sites should be given proper support and funding.

Candidate registration starts today

Majali reiterates Jordan's commitment to peace, urges people to vote

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majalj Wednesday reiterated Jordan's keemess on establishing peace and stability in the Mid-dle East.

Dr. Majali said Jordan enjoys a central geographic location in the Middle East that would enable it to play an important role in the region's

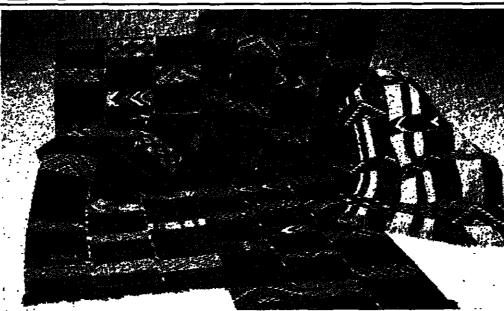
He said the country was enjoying economic stability despite the upheavals of the past few years. He said that stability was result of Jordan's adherence to the economic restructuring programme. The prime minister urges all

Jordanian voters to participate in the elections and exercise their right to vote. The elections, he added, will be fair and free and will reflect the true sense of democracy in the. Kingdom. Dr. Majali was speaking during a visit he made to the Department of Anti-

Also Wednesday the Ministry of Interior issued a state-ment urging candidates and their supporters to refrain from using the state emblem in their. election campaign meetings or

The statement said that no one was allowed to use loud speakers mounted on vehicles as part of the campaign and no one will be allowed to paste posters, draw sketches or paint graffiti on walls and posts except in areas assigned for that purpose by the municipalities. Candidates have three days

 Thursday, Friday and Saturday — to register with provin-cial governors in their respective constituencies. The governors and their staff will be working on Friday to receive the applications.



Different types of rugs made by the Hweitat tribe

2-year-old centre exhibits colourful wares

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rial sewing and finishing are

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David O'Connor, prog-

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all help to the 30 groups it

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shows in Europe and America. We display the products

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to help sell and create jobs,"

says Mr. O'Connor, adding

"We participate in trade

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women, training them in processing orders, production planning, cost, pricing, communication with workers,

packaging, labeling.

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Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Between Oct. 15 and 24, the Jordan Design and Trade Centre is holding an exhibition of its products at Yadudeh, next to Kan Zaman.

The centre, established by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation to revitalise the handicraft industry in the Kingdom, will display ceramics, glassware, wrought iron, furniture and, the sine qua non, its most famous weaving and embroidery creations.

The young centre (only 2 years old), whose products have asserted themselves strongly in the local and international markets, works with 30 different groups, community centres and private businesses, some con-nected with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), some welfare organisations, providing belp in

three areas: - It aids in product development (design). Working with Jordanian or Palestinian designs, the centre, while leaving these designs unchanged, strives to apply them in such a way that it appeals to the taste of

modern-day buyers.

A round of the centre's display stands is the most convincing factor as far as beauty and attraction are concerned. Graceful, stylised embroidery patterns find

their way on carpets whose good that "we think of a colours cater to the most retail shop."

Exquisitely delicate stitches are applied on modern The care to create jobs is emphasised by Mr. O'Confabrics of the latest colour nor who says that 2,000 peofashion (brick sunset, khaki, ple, 90 per cent of them turquoise) to create luxurious women, were helped by the project, meaning that "we reach 12,000 to 15,000 people cushions, elegant bags or purses, decorative frames or ladies' gowns. from Mukheiber in the north - It trains in technical and to Wadi Musa in the south." management areas. Indust-

Four towns in the south alone, in the Hweitat tribe region, have 600 women involved in a project entailing wool washing, spinning and weaving. "We kept their designs and

worked with the colour to make them more appealing," says Mr. O'Connor.

The centre prides itself with reviving two stitches that had completely died out: the "Maani" stitch, in the south, and the "Jordanian" one (or 'Jerash") in Irbid and Ramtha, in the north.

Under consideration is a basket weaving project. The raw material would be palm leaf and banana fiber. From the look of the few samples on display at the centre it could be another successful undertaking of the centre.

The exhibition in Yadudeh, to take place in a 250-year-old building and, as such, in a "historical setting", is going to be more than just that. Food and drinks booths will create a fair-like atmosphere only enhanced by the colourful, aestheticallyalluring products the centre

||Crown Prince urges closer cooperation in Arab World

BETRUT (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday urged the private industrial sectors of Jordan and Lebanon to carry out joint ventures that would benefit the Lebanese and the

Jordanian people, Arab states possess huge economic and financial potentials sufficient to help the Arab Nation confront the coming economic challenges, said the Crown Prince in an address delivered to the opening session of a conference on Lebanese industry and inter-Arab industrial cooperation. Delivering the address on behalf of the Crown Prince was Minister of Industry and Trade Bassam Al Saket.

"Under the new world order, we are bound to witness regional development, and we ought to move rapidly and take active part in the developments so that we can protect the interests of our people," said the Crown Prince.

Those who fear economic. political or social changes are actually trying to escape from confronting realities, added

Referring to the latest deelopments in the area and their influence on the people of the region, Prince Hassan said that lack of confidence in an unstable region led to the flight of capital and skilled manpow-

"We have to find drastic solutions for the imbalances and economic, social and political problems that accumulated in the region over the past centuries and we ought to deal with such issues like economic and industrial development, water, refugees and the environment, added Prince

Prince Hassan said that a sustainable economic development and a durable peace have certain requirements such as close cooperation among the countries of the region.
In the climate of peace, he

added, Arab states look forward to receiving financial support from donor nations concerned with the peace and will' continue to intensify efforts towards attracting investments in the Arab World so that peace can be just and durable.

Prince Hassan presented a seven-point proposal, which he said is needed to ensure continued cooperation among the countries of the region and necessary to secure improved living conditions for the peo-

The Crown Prince proposed the stimulation of the Arab common market which, he said, has been dormant but whose agreement provides a model example for inter-Arab

cooperation. He suggested that Arab states open up their borders to the flow of capital and labour, thus paving the ground for the birth of a major economic Arab bloc. He urged full exploitation of potential re-

He said Arab states can work together and take measures to attract Arab funds deposited abroad and create the suitable investment climate for such ventures.

Prince Hassan stressed that modern technology is of paramount importance at this stage, saying that the Arab World could initiate joint industrial schemes in cooperation with industrial countries.

For Arab industry to succeed, he said, attention must be given to the question of standards and specifications, which, he said, should cater to the international system. He also said that industrialists must give attention to the protection of the environment which should be safeguarded.

Report: Israeli oppression of Palestinians on the rise

AMMAN (Petra) — The Israeli occupation forces continued to use arbitrary measures against Palestinians in the occupied territories last month despite remarkable progress in the Arab-Israeli peace process especially on the Palestinian-Israeli track, according to the monthly report issued by the Palestinian Affairs Department at the Ministry of the Foreign

These arbitrary measures, the report said, had distorted Palestinians' feelings of joy and delight over the prospects for peace in the region. According to the report, the

Israeli forces stormed numerous residential areas in the

Gaza Strip and totally demolished a number of houses. The total number of Palestinians killed during last month rose to 20, 15 in Gaza. Thus, the number of Palestinians killed since the beginning of the intifada in December 1987 reached 1,515. The report also criticised

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continuous Israeli settlements in and around Jerusalem which aims at "creating a new reality in the city that would prevent its return to the Arabs through

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tlements, large-scale arrests and various kinds of violations of Palestinian human rights. the report cited Israeli prac-tices in Al Fara'a prison. Al Fara'a, which holds 600 Palestinian detainees, is considered the worst detaining centre in terms of medical, psychological and physical treatment. The prison's administration deprives detainees of water for long periods of time during the day and the detainees suffer from lack of regular medical

Seminar calls for comprehensive disaster management strategy

day seminar on disaster management organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ended here Wednesday with a call for the drawing of a comprehen-sive national strategy to deal with natural disasters and their consequences.

Participants at the seminar recommended that such a strategy provide for measures aimed at reducing the extent of damage to man and the environment and provide plans enabling the concerned authorities to take precautionary me-

The participants, who represented the private and the public sectors in the country including the Civil Defence Department (CDD) and universities, proposed the creation of a technical committee to work

committee could provide advice to the Higher Civil Defence Council about training of cadres and other requirements involved in rescue operations and would coordinate cooperation with foreign and international organisations in this respect, said a statement at the end of the meetings.

Also recommended are the creation of a national fund to deal with the effects of disasters. The fund would be supported financially and in kind by world organisations. A call was made to the CDD

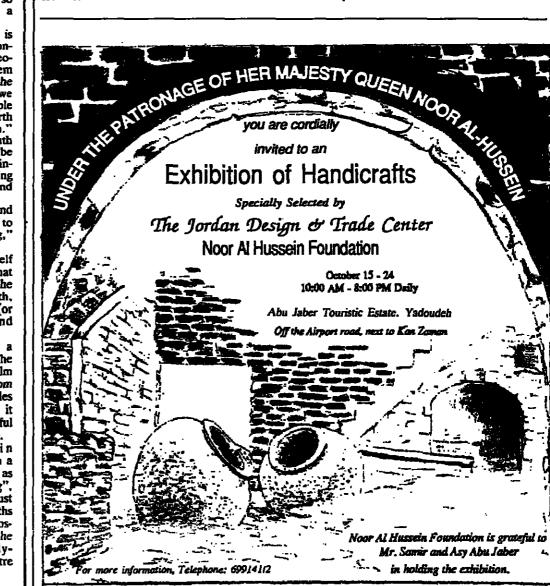
to distribute maps indicating the areas where natural disasters and earthquakes could happen and to install early warning systems at these areas.

The participants urged the concerned authorities to prom-

AMMAN (Petra) — A five- out the strategy in cooperation of the work of the Jordanian with the CDD. The technical Seismological Centre and to support its activities technically and financially, and to establish a national network which can monitor environmental

The statement said that the delegates urged the U.N. organisation and its various agencies to extend help to Jordan in the fields of health education, agriculture and housing so as to enable the country properly deal with the negative effects of waves of migrations to the country.

The workshop discussed means of improving readiness to deal with the consequences of disasters, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts and the involvement of nongovernmental and international organisations in relief



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Clear signs for new beginning

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein's speech Tuesday was the clearest signal yet that Jordan's blessing of the Palestinian-Israeli deal is total and unequivocal. There was a time when Jordan's position on the PLO-Israeli accord was interpreted as either lukewarm or laden with reservations that prompted many Jordanians to view the agreement in negative and suspicious terms. Now that the record has been set straight, Jordanians and Palestinians can go on with their lives unperturbed by the events of the past. This also sets the stage for full participation in the Nov. 8 general elections by all Jordanians regardless of their origin or where they intend to go in the future. It is unfortunate that such a firm and bold interpretation of the Jordanian-Palestinian relations was not elucidated at an earlier date, a delay that gave rise to all sorts of negative speculations and innuendoes. But better late than never, as the old adage says. With the shedding of all complexes and lingering doubts, the stage both in Jordan and in the occupied territories is set for dealing with the remaining issues of the ongoing peace process with ever more determination and resolution. The first order of business in this vein is to prepare for the next parliamentary elections without any hesitations or fears, on the basis of regarding all Jordanians as Jordanians, no matter what their origins or political beliefs are. This in essence was the message of the King over and over again. It is high time that we, Jordanians of all people, begin to believe in this proposition before we can expect others to share it with us. This will also serve as a notice to Arab and non-Arab parties that Amman has no fears from the Palestinians taking their destinies into their own hands just as it has no hesitation in moving ahead with its own plans for the future. Gone are the days when this country could be intimidated and pressured to take a course that could be fatal to its national interests.

Amman was burned many times in the past and now is the time to break with past archaic traditions and policies. The organic link between Jordan and Palestine has already been forged with blood, history and shared destiny and no amount of short-sighted interests can sever the relations between the two peoples. Once the faith in oneself is cemented by the kind of signals that the Monarch has been showing of late, there is no limit to the kind of positive relations that could be nurtured and cultivated between Jordanians and Palestinians. Once there is clarity of vision and hang ups are effectively eliminated, the future for both peoples would become irreversibly bright and promising. With all the past anxieties well behind us now, we can all look forward to a new beginning in our lives.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'i daily Wednesday described His Majesty King Hussein's nationwide address as serving as a set of guidelines for his people concerning domestic affairs, the peace process and various other issues. By stressing the need for enhancing the national unity in Jordan, the King is urging citizens to rally their ranks to serve the common causes, regardless of their origins, to exercise their duty of electing those who can best represent the nation and safeguard its higher interests and to fully back the Palestinian people in their drive to attain their national aspirations, said the daily. The King stressed that the PLO leadership has all the right to represent the Palestinian people and take whatever measures necessary to ensure the return of their rights, said the paper. In referring to the future Palestinians-Jordanian relationship, the King made it clear that once the Palestinians have regained their lands and their rights, they would be in a position to determine the kind of relationship they want with the Jordanian people, added the daily. Stressing that Jordan would never retreat from the path of democracy, King Hussein said that the coming parliamentary elections would be free and fair and would reflect a bright picture of Jordan to the outside world, the paper stressed. The paper said that the King has made it clear that there can be no room for attempt by anyone to derail the march to democracy.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily Wednesday warned that though peace under a new regional order is bound to be imposed on Jordan, Jordanians should not accept just anything that is being offered them. We are bound to get on the train, but we should not descent at just any station, upon others' orders, said Fahed Al Fanek. Although the coming peace is bound to bring about a new kind of hegemony, such a development can by no standard cancel national aspirations and can by no means stop us from deciding on matters and taking options that we consider essential to safeguard our national interests, added the writer. The peace era would not be worse for the region than the current situation prevailing in the Arab World at present, said the writer. He said that the Arab order has collapsed, the Arab League is a mockery, Arab solidarity is non-existent. Arab divisions are as deep as ever, Arab regimes know no democracy or political pluralism and the Arabs are helping the West to impose an embargo on Iraq. The writer said the Arabs have nothing to lose from the coming peace, although they would be normalising their



Clinton's tough fall elections

By Dr. James Zogby

A few weeks ago press attention in the U.S. was focused on two legislative fights that President Clinton must win this year: reform of the nation's health care system, and passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Both: measures were met with stiff opposition — health care reform because of its cost and complexity, and NAFTA because of strong opposition from labour unions, environ-mentalists and isolationists.

But there are other equally critical votes that the Democratic president must win this November. In gubernatorial elections in the states of New Jersey and Virginia and in the mayor's race in New York City, Democrats are receiving strong challenges from Republican candidates. If Republicans win these races, the president's ability to command loyalty from some Democratic congressmen will be weakened, making it more difficult for him to win their votes on the controversial health care and NAFTA bills.

.Already this year, Republicans have won a number of key. elections in areas where Democrats have traditionally held power. A Republican won a special election in Texas to fill the Senate seat vacated by long-time Democratic Senator Lloyd Bentsen (who resigned to become secretary of the treasury). And in mayoral races in Jersey City, New Jersey and Los Angeles, California, Republicans took control of city governments where Democrats had held power for more than twenty years.

So far this year, Republicans have won 28 of 42 special elections to fill vacant state legislative seats. Prior to this year, only 13 of these 42 seats were held by Republicans. making for a net gain of 15 seats for the Republicans! This is having an effect on Mr. Clinton's ability to win support

from Democrats in Congress. This fear of losing races to Republicans has caused real nervousness among many Democrats, most particularly among those who won close elections in 1992. For example, a large majority of those Democrats who voted against the president's budget bill this year came from districts where they faced strong Republican challengers. These Democrats are still looking over their shoulders, fearful of making any unpopular votes that could cost them support in the 1994 elections.

So while the president is focused on winning passage of his legislation in Washington and dealing with international crises in Russia, Bosnia and Somalia, he must also give attention to helping Democrats

win local races this year. The New Jersey governor's race is especially important to Mr. Clinton. The incumbent, Democrat Jim Florio, is running for reelection against Republican Christie Todd Whitman. Ms. Whitman came extremely close to upsetting New Jersey's popular Democratic Senator Bill Bradley in 1990, though her campaign was focused more against Governor Florio's tax increase of 1989 than it was against Bradley. This time she is taking Mr. Florio on directly and she is giving him all the challenge he can handle.

Mr. Florio's race parallels Mr. Clinton's potential 1996 reelection campaign in several

After winning in 1989, he immediately passed a large tax increase package in an effort to raise enough new revenues to balance the state's budget while still providing needed social service. Those tax increases sparked huge protests across the state and set the stage for the most dramaticevent of the 1990 elections the Republicans wresting control of both houses of the state legislature away from the Democrats for the first time in recent memory. And, as men-

Florio's tax increase Three years later, Ms. Whitman's challenge to the Democratic governor is focusing

once again on the issues of taxes versus social spending. Ms. Whitman started the race strongly. Early polls actually showed her leading over Mr. Florio by a wide margin. But after announcing her plans, if elected, to make major tax cuts and pay for them with corresponding cuts in social services, some of her support has diminished. Ms. Whitman has also received negative press attention for her personal tax problems, which cost her additional support.

Now most polls show the two running almost even, with Mr. Florio slightly in the lead. This is good news for Mr. Clinton because the election does have clear national implications. Mr. Florio's campaign manager is James Carville, who managed Mr. Clinton's 1992 victory. Ms. Whitman's campaign is being run by Ed Rollins, who ran Ronald Reagan's 1984 reelection campaign. And Republican Senator Bob Dole, a potential 1996 challenger to Mr. Clinton, came to New Jersey to campaign for Ms. Whitman; and his visit raised \$1.9 million for

her campaign. Mr. Florio and Ms. Whitman are, in effect, surrogates for national Republicans. And the race stands to gain the status of a voter referendum on whether or not a Democratic candidate who promised not to raise taxes, and then did, can be forgiven. Are voters, in the end, willing to pay more for fiscal responsibility and social services?

These are likely to be issues facing the Democratic congressmen who voted for Mr. Clinton's budget when they face voters in 1994 — and the issues Mr. Clinton will face if he runs for reelection in 1996.

If Mr. Florio loses, many Democratic congressmen will, no doubt. be less willing to support Mr. Clinton's initiatives during the next year.

Democrats face an even stronger and potentially more devastating challenge in Virgi-nia, where Mary Sue Terry, the state's attorney general, is running for governor against former Republican Congressman George Allen. Ms. Terry started out leading in the polls by a wide margin. By the end of August the gap had closed August the gap had closed to just six per cent and in early September Mr. Allen went ahead in the polls 39 per cent. He has retained this small lead ever since. This is surprising in a state where Democrats have held the state house for the last generation and where they enjoy a large majority in voter

registration.

National Republicans are putting a great deal of emphasis on this race. Mr. Dole, who called this race "a national referendum on Clinton, raised \$1 million for Mr. Allen's campaign. And perhaps more importantly, his "referendum" line got picked up by many political pundits, and the evaporation of Ms. Terry's lead has been explained as a measure of public dissatisfaction with Mr. Clinton's policies. Should Mr. Allen win the race, Mr. Dole or some other Republican will undoubtedly try to carry the standard of Mr. Allen's victory against Mr. Clinton in 1996.

And in New York City, another area where Democrats have traditionally held power, the Democratic Mayor, David Dinkins, is in danger of losing to Republican challenger Rudolph Giuliani.

Mr. Dinkins beat Mr. Giuliani in 1989, but a great deal has changed since then. Mr. Dinkins administration has been hit by a number of scandals, calling into question his effectiveness.

The Democratic coalition that elected Mr. Dinkins has also been weakened. The liberal. African American, Latino American and Jewish American coalition that elected him has been frayed by internal

Americans. On a weekly basis, New York's Jewish newspapers challenge the Dinkins administration's decision to award contracts and jobs to African Americans.

The fallout from the riots in Crown Heights, which pitted the Jewish community against the African American community hit Mr. Dinkins quite hard. He was accused by Jewish leaders of taking the side of African Americans during the riots and not providing enough police protection to the Jewish community; and a recently released special commission report on the riots supported that charge. This is just the latest in a series of incidents which have hurt the mayor among the Jewish community.

Recent polls show Mr. Dinkins and Mr. Giuliani almost even - but with Mr. Dinkins receiving less than 25 per cent of the Jewish vote (an all-time low for a Democratic candidate in New York City) Mr. Dinkins is also losing the white vote by almost 3-1 and is only even with Mr. Giuliani among Latino voters (another group that has been displeased with his administration). In fact, if it were not for the 87 per cent to tour per cent margin he receives among African American voters, he would not even be a contender in this race.

This month. President Clin-

ton will go to New York City to campaign for Mr. Dinkins at a \$1,000 per plate fundraising dinner. In separate visits, Vice President Al Gore, First Lady Hillary Clinton and Mrs. Gore tion's cabinet officers will also be going to New York to help the Democratic mayor return to his post. Significant attention is paid to winning back at least enough of the Jewish voters to neutralise the effect of this powerful voting bloc in the election. It is important to note that while African American voters exceed Jewish voters (35 per cent to 30 per cent respectively, of all potential voters in the city), the Jewish voter turnout is traditionally larger in

most local elections. Despite the difficulty encountered in passing his budget and the host of problems that plagued the first few months of his administration, Mr. Clinton is doing a much better job of defining issues and winning confidence for his presidency.

His approval ratings are up to 52 per cent and a majority of Americans are giving him even higher marks for his health care reform proposals. The White House staff is working more smoothly with the national press than it was in the first months and the administration is, correspondingly, receiving more favourable press coverage than it did earlier this

The signing of the Israel-PLO accord and the signing of the president's national service programme gave Mr. Clinton a boost over the last two weeks. But to maintain this momenturn he must keep on winning.

And now, in addition to winning passage for his very challenging legislative proposals, he must also help three vulnerable Democrats win the local races.

Victory or defeat in these races will be viewed as: - tests of the president's strength and, fairly or not, of voter confidence in his lead-

- early warning signs of the public mood in advance of the November 1994 elections when all 435 members of the House of Representatives and onethird of the members of the Senate will face reelection;

— determining factors as to whether or not Democratic congressmen and senators who expect strong challenges will support the president's legislation in Congress; and - a very early test for the

president's own reelection chances in 1996. While nothing is written in stone, these races will be important tests for President Clinton. Keep your eyes on Virginia, New Jersey and New

The heads and tails of democracy

Dr. Ahmad Y. Majdoubeh

Undoubtedly, the impact of democracy on our society is beginning to be felt. There is already a noticeable change in both the tone of public discourse and the momentum of political and to a lesser. extent, social activity. Generally, people feel not only significantly more secure and confident about asserting themselves through words and deeds, but also more willing and enthusiastic. We see such spirit reflected clearly not just in the discernibly more open and forthright debates in the media and the press, the Parliament, the headquarters of various election campaigns, cafes, and informal gatherings, but also, though less forcefully, in the everyday life of our educa-tional institutions, intellectual forums and government.

establishments. Beneath such bright pic-ture, however, there still lurk many disturbing facts. In the people's hearts, there still exist some serious reservations about democracy. Additionally, there are several other limitations and obstacles standing in the way. Understandably, our society's transition to full democracy is not all that easy; it cannot happen overnight. The democratic process, we must remember, is a recent phenomenon in our part of the world. And since it has been introduced both too abruptly and too slowly (paradoxically), much of it still does not make sense to a lot of people; only the handful few have an apt sense of both the philosophy and process of democracy. It is this letter point that I wish to raise

A closer look at the use of the term democracy itself and at its very meaning and con-cept, as employed in our society, reveals a great deal of ambiguity, confusion and even ignorance, not only among the less fortunate, semi-illiterate segments of our population but, surprisingly and lamentably, among the more educated and enlightened.

As someone who has been watching carefully the development of the process in the country since its formal adoption a few years ago, I have, through what I saw, read or heard and what I personally participated in, formed a fairly reliable idea about people's perception of the concept. However, to test the viability of my observations, I have conducted the following two-part experiment.

In the first part, I chose a random sample of people (about thirty) from various walks of life; technicians shopkeepers, housewives, teachers, etc. Most of them hold at least the tawiihi (high school) certificate and most happen to be fairly alert to and interested in what is happening in the socio-political arena.

I asked them to tell me what they understood by the word democracy. The vast majority gave very similar answers. The following definitions, quoted verbatim here, are representative of their sense of the concept;

"For everyone to express himself freely, of course, and to act freely"; "Absolute freedom of opinion"; "To say whatever you like to say"; To express your opinion openly on the basis of what you believe in you heart of hearts"; "To fear no one but God when you speak about what you believe in," etc.

In the second part of the experiment, I selected the participants more carefully. Thirty university students were chosen and asked to answer the same question in writing, the intention being to make them take the assignment more seriously. Freshmen and sophomores were excluded; the idea here was to choose the more advanced (and presumably more knowledgeable) students: juniors and seniors. I made it a point, furthermore, to diversify their fields of specialisation.

Predictably, the responses were almost identical to those of the first group, though the terminology varied somewhat. I quote verbatim again: The right to say and express our thoughts and principles to others without fear"; "Freedom of thinking and speaking"; "Democracy allows a person to say whatever he wants"; "Freedom in our beliefs, freedom in our opinions, and freedom in our life"; "Democracy is like a sea without an end. One can say whatever he wants," etc.

given in the two polls are somewhat naive, shortsighted and simple-minded, precisely because they fail to see the overall picture. Democracy is regulations, rules, laws and limitations. An American friend of mine is foud of saying: "there are more regulations and rules in democratic countries than in dictatorships." Democracy is not for one or two persons, but for all — or rather for the majority. Its aim is not to protect freedom but free-

A democratic society is a pluralistic society where the view and the counterview, the opinion and the counteropinion, the freedom and the lack of freedom are to be reconciled.

One could in fact argue that if there is no difference, no conflict of interests, of wishes and of demands, there is no need for democracy. For democracy is a system of compromise, of half-solutions, of half freedom, and at times of injustice. If you want something and two other people in the room want the opposite, you will have to give in willingly. And if you do not like it, you "go and bear your head against the wall," as we say in Arabic. Also, if the majority does not like the opinions you so dearly cherish and want to express,it can at times invoke laws to prevent you from

"Democracy is regulations, rules, laws and limitations. Democracy is not for one or two persons, but for all - or rather for the majority. ... It is a system of compromise, of halfsolutions, of half freedom, and at times of injustice."

Such responses are illuminating. At one level, they articulate quite fluently not so much what democracy means but what it ought to mean. The citations above, which all boil down to one. basic idea; feedom of thought, words, and deeds, embody people's wishes and expectations of the democratic era. This is their way of saying: thank God the repressive past is over; we are today's children; we want to be our true selves. In this sense, the answers are both smart and telling.

Moreover, the answers do show a degree of awareness of the virtues of democracy. Part and parcel of democracy is the creation of the conditions which make the exercise of freedom and the protection of such conditions and exercise possible. Democracy is liberty and security: "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." as the American Declaration of Independence informs us. Freedom of speech is a right, not just a wish or a dream. It is the duty of the government and its various institutions to guarantee and guard it.

But there is much more to democracy than this, obviously. The definitions even voicing them, should it choose to do so. Democracy often tails.

I aim- to offer neithen a comprehensive definition of democracy here nor a critique of it. Rather, I am trying to stress the point that our citizens, both old and young, need to be educated about it, not just in terms of what to do to survive in the the Darwinian democratic world (which is another complex subject), but in terms of what precisely and realistically to expect from it. A person who has either a partial understanding of democrcy or an exaggerated sense of its virtues is up for a big disappointment, embarrassment and even trouble. Most likely, such a person may end up losing his faith in it. An informed citizen, by contrast, will both benefit from and appreciate the experience.

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If we want to give democracy a real chance, let's first and foremost explain it to our

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Business community turns its back on Kohl

By Richard Murphy Reuter

BONN — With just over a year to go until Germany's next general election, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition is alienating some of its most important traditional supporters — the business com-

Industrialists, bankers and small entrepreneurs are angry at what they see as the centreright government's failure to keep promises to cut taxes,

bureaucracy and red tape.

Among the most outspoken critics is the Federation of German Industry which called the government an impediment to economic growth and accused it of lack of leadership.

Relations between the government and industry groups are distinctly chilly and some members of an influential small business group in Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) are considering breaking away to form their own dle-class members. "It is being expressed in not

voting at all or in voting for new parties. People are dis-appointed and deeply worried about present economic and finance policy. In elections last month in the

city of Hamburg well-heeled voters abandoned the CDU and the pro-business Free Democrats (FDP) in droves. The FDP lost all its seats in

the state parliament, the CDU fell to a humiliating 25.1 per cent while the "Instead Party," a two-month-group of middleclass moderates fed up with all other parties, came from nowhere to win 5.6 per cent.

Dirk Wolske, spokesman for the German Federation of Small and Medium-Sized Companies, notes that the protest grouping performed particularbelieves this could be the start of a trend.

"We know there is great dissatisfaction among our members, who traditionally vote mainly for the FDP and

te<u>lstand.</u> .Their irritation centres on high taxes and high employer contributions to pensions and

bealth insurance. Alarmed by official figures showing that 24 per cent of federal tax revenue will go towards paying interest on goverament debt by 1997, business leaders say the state's slice of the national economic cake must be reduced.

They complain that while government rhetoric is about rolling back the state, in reality little is done.

Thomas Suwelack, president of the German Federation of Young Entrepreneurs, says fundamental reforms are needed in Germany.

The government is totally incapable of reform," he says. We have major problems ly well in prosperous areas and here and things must be we have no problems and evidence erything will be all right. In our

view that is a catastrophic situation." So great is the distriction

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Music lovers delight in week of concerts, lectures

By Mohammad Masharga

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ON the occasion of the International Music Day, the Amman Players Orchestra organised the first Jordanian music week (Oct. 9-14) at the Royal Cultural Centre

The week included a specialised seminar tackling music and its impact on human life and also concerts and an assortment of folkloric performances.

Addressing the seminar, Dr. Abdul Hamid Hamam, vice dean of Yarmouk University's faculty of arts, presented a historic review of the evolution of music which, he said, reflected human sentiments or accompanied religious rites held to please the gods and to seek

Developing within this spiritual culture, music developed elements like the vocal performance, tunes and rhythm and movements, and finally colours and forms. Dr. Hamam likened music development to the development of poetry noting that poetry is a form of developed musical presentation.

He said music witnessed real development in the wake of the Arab-Islamic conquests which resulted in the inclusion of slaves and other races into the Islamic empire. Music and singing developed tremendously in the Arab empire with the emergence of different schools

Islam (the Koran and the Sunna) did not ban music or singing, Dr. Hamam said. Prophet Mohammad himself had recited verses of melody and music had always found fertile ground among the grassroots in Muslim society especially among the slaves.

While the Arabs busied themselves with the affairs of state construction and architecture were at their best attended to by Persians, Copts and Romans who came under the Islamic empire, Dr. Hamam said.

There is no Koranic verse or saying by the Prophet whatsoever prohibiting music or singing, he said. The Prophet only prohibited functions that might divert man

from the course of his faith, The dean of the National Music Conservatory, Kifah Fakhouri discussed music education in Jordan noting that the Ministry of Education has introduced music courses as part of the basic curricula as of next year.

Mr. Fakhouri urged the authorities to make ample provision for curricula and adequate educational material to ensure the success of what he described as a "civilised move."

Mr. Fakhouri said music could be probagated by the creation of orchestras and musical bands which involve. all musical instruments and also the creation of Arab music-playing and singing — including choral groups and theatre musicals.

Professor of music at Yarmouk University Mohammad Ghawanmeh presented a research paper citing anumber of examples of Jordanian folk heritage, different types of music and singing in Jordan since that welcome the birth of a child, accompany breast feeding,

weaning, education, horse riding and songs of man-hood, death and eulogy.

Throughout these phases of human life popular singing and ballads characterised deep social sentiments and human feelings that glorify life, manhood, womanhood and the soul.

Dr. Ghawanmeh said that Jordanian songs were composed for leisure or for teaching purposes, spreading knowledge, transferring heritage, or for highlighting certain rites, customs and traditions.

On Saturday evening (Oct. 9), the Amman Players Orchestra played a number of symphonies by world composers. A pleasant surprise was the presentation of works by Jordanian-Palestinian composer Yousef Khasho, an acclaimed composer of world fame.

Khasho composed 13 symphonies that were performed in Vienna, Paris and Athens. His symphony, Khios is probably the most important of his works, describes the events of a battle on the Greek island of Khios between Greeks and Turks.

Khasho has also composed the symphony Jerusalem based on Christian religious prayers with the voice of the muazzen calling Allahu Akbar, on the background. Khasho's other works include Al Hussein symphony

and another entitled the Great Arab Revolt. However, Khasho's more modern works are mostly based on popular tunes presented in orchestral form. He uses a technique of mixing oriental rhythm, melody and tunes in full harmony of the various instruments that include the violin, the flute, the piano and the clarinet among others.

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Khasho's Conductor Seif Ul Deen Abdoun said his orchestra aims primarily at presenting Arab and Jordanian music in a first class performance.

Jordan in fact has other great composers who did not have the chance to present their works world wide. They include Augustin Oneita, Yousef Khasho, Fuad Malas, and Abdul Hamid Hamam, according to Mr. Abdoun. He said that a great number of nations preserved their

folk music by presenting them in orchestral format as did Chopin when he left Poland for France. He succeeded by presenting his national folklore in a well appreciated international framework.

The second musical event that attracted music lovers was the French composer Raymond Alessandrini playing the music accompanying a silent black and white 1927 film entitled Le Chapeau Depaille d'Italie by French director Reni Clair.

Mr. Alessandrini, who had spent his childhood in Casablanca, told the Jordan Times that deep inside he was obsessed by oriental rhythm but he focused his attention on sound tracks for silent and sound films. He said he would soon present a new work in Paris featuring religious music in a new form.

Mr. Alessandrini noted that modern audio technology could have positive effect on musical works because such technology allows for easy control of the volume

and other adjustments.

According to Mr. Alessandrini, one can introduce new aspects to modern Western music while presenting the major works of the past centuries. He believes high-tech sound helps to introduce variations to ancient works regardless of the different instruments employed.

Mr. Alessandrini referred to great experiments in the European music like the works of Olivier Mision the French composer who introduced the Indian tunes in his works, and also to Irish musicians who employed folkloric music in contemporary works and developed old instruments to play them alongside the modern

THEATRE:

Jordanian director Khaled Tarifi will take his play Yoya Sir Al Ward to the Carthage international theatre festival to represent Jordan. The play was presented at the Second Jordanian theatre festival and won first prize for direction.

Mr. Tarifi has now revised the play to suit the theme of this year's Carthage festival: laughter.
The play is a saturical performance, depicting contemporary Arab and international politics.

In the play the group representing flowers, al tarabish (fez) and qabaqib (wooden slippers) attempt to discover the secrets of the roses, the thorough-bred horse, who is supposedly affiliated to something called dignity and originality — that are lacking. The attempt takes the form of a trip led by the wonderful Farhan (Farhan's role is played by Tarifi himself) in order to

achieve miracles and to establish the ideal society. This play essentially relies on the great skill of the actor himself and also on the stage layout and the physical movements of actors.

In the new form of the play Mr. Tarifi has disposed of heavy decors and opted for simple items like chairs, lights and colours.

Mr. Tarifi is joined in his work by a selected group of Jordanian actors like Kifah Salameh who won the first prize in the fourth Cairo international festival, Rania Qamhawi, the modern dancing coach, Bashir Huwari, Hakim Harb and Bushra Hajo.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Culture has announced the names of the troupes taking part in the second child theatre festival, an annual event in which a number of the new generation of directors in Jordan are participating. These directors have completed their academic studies at Yarmouk University.

On the sidelines of the festival specialised seminars tackling child theatre, educational theatre, school theatre and the muppet theatre will be held along with a critique session on child rights.

The festival's higher committee has already defined the festival's objectives: Contribution towards advancing child culture enhancing the values that cater to the requirements of the modern age encouraging competition among those involved in child theatre; strenghtening ties among those involved in this field including writers and directors.

Elections Special

MESSY BUSINESS: Salameh Ekour, a columnist in Al Shaab Arabic daily is well-known to his readers as an "East-Jordanian establishment writer." But over the past week, he appeared to have outstretched himself. Having declared himself a candidate for the national elections in the Irbid constituency, he apparently felt that he should now use his credentials more forcefully in running his campaign. After hearing that a fellow columnist, Hamadeh Faraaneh of Al Dustour, was running for elections in Amman's first district, Ekour proceeded to air his views on Palestinians seeking representation in the Jordanian parliament. Although it is justified to discuss the ramifications of the PLO-Israel agreement on the citizens of the Kingdom, it remains a thorny issue of debate to say the least. And since Ekour underestimated the number of Jordanians of Palestinian origin by referring to them as a "small number" he got a long response from Faraaneh, who had served as a member of the Palestine National Council (PNC) until he declared his candidacy here, reminding him that he was a Jordanian and that the Constitution guaranteed him his right to run for elections. "I would like my colleague Salameh Al Ekour to apologise to the people of Lod, Ramleh, Beit Dajan, Al Saferieh, Jaffa, Abbassieh, Yazour and Sarafand because they are not a small number," Faraaneh said in his column. Most observers understand that Ekour is hard pressed to adorn himself with a political image that would give him a fighting chance in the Irbid elections — especially that. he would be running against his fellow tribe member, Muslim Brotherhood candidate Abdul Rahim Ekour. The fact that the writer is using his column space to publicise his achievements as a person could only be seen as an attempt by him to gain more ground for the elections. In his column Sunday, Ekour published an "election dialogue" between him and a "dear friend" in which he recounted all his achievements of being a "pragmatist and a dreamer," lacking in funds (appeal to the poor), "dilligently fighting against financial and administrative corruption," being a good Muslim (he even recited a hadith of Prophet Mohammad), and finally deserving of a pledge by a friend "to take time off from my job and dedicate my time and the services of my car" to Ekour's campaign. All of those elements can only vindicate an analyst's view of Ekour's political tactics. "Those who know the elections scene in Irbid know that Salameh Ekour doesn't stand a chance," one observer said. "He is just using the pretense of being a candidate to expand the readership of his column and sell a few more unpopular ideas." Other, equally informed election observers have other theories, but they are not for publication here.

EMOTIONAL OUTCRY: The run-up to the national elections on Nov. 8 has produced a few anecdotes that need to be retold. Under the headline "the popular base of a Zarqa candidate" Samir Mohammad Al Ammoudi strongly rejected his own withdrawal (from the elections race). In an advertisement he placed in a local newspaper, Ammoudi described the reaction of the "masses" to news of his withdrawal from the campaign. "It fell like thunder on the masses of over three thousand people who were present at my house. Some of them cried and others slapped their faces in lamentation," the ad quoted Ammoudi as telling himself. Now, other than the fact that it took us some time to dig up the term that would describe the act of "slapping yourself" in the English dictionary (Latam in Arabic), it seemed many also had a problem believing this emotional reaction. "We read a similar story 26 years ago when the Arab masses in Egypt cried and marched to the presidential palace when they heard that President Jamal Abdul Nasser was resigning after the 1967 war," a commentator in an Arabic daily wrote in describing Ammoudi's mad ad. "But we did not hear that the Nasserites slapped their faces in lamentation," the Ad Dustour columnist Mohammad Sheihi continued, trying to end the story there.

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BACK DOOR RETURN: Former Deputy Laith Shbeilat announced a few weeks back that he was leaving politics to dedicate his time and effort to engineering, which is his original profession. His departure statement left no doubt that politics was not yet ready to leave him though. Everyone was waiting for him to slip and come back to politics, but being the unusual politician he is, he is getting back in through the back door. This week, Mr. Shbeilat sent a press release to newspapers in which he announced that "international parliamentary personalities" were meeting in Frankfurt to set up a trip to Sarajevo on Oct. 10, during which they will announce the formation of an international parliamentary committee against war crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In passing, the press release mentions that "former Deputy Laith Shbeilat will participate and has in fact already arrived in Frankfurt." And all this time everyone thought that Shbeilat was designing a new building or project when in fact he may have been designing his return journey to politics. God knows!

Nermeen Murad

Diet guru all the rage across the U.S. cause over the millenia peo-It's not a moral issue."

By Ros Davidson Reuter

SAUSALITO, California - From the White House to San Francisco's trendy eateries. Dr. Dean Ornish is the diet guru of America's ·well-to-do.

His book Eat More. Weigh Less has hovered near the top of the New York Times bestseller list for 13 weeks.

It contains a proven lowfat vegetarian method of losing and keeping weight off, and has more than 250 "heart-healthy" gourmet recipes by the nation's leading chefs.
In the food-conscious San

Francisco area these days, Dr. Ornish is talked about constantly over dinner and lunch at fashionable restaurants and in homes.

He is a member of the new panel on Alternative Medicine at the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

As public opinion shifts more to preventive medical care, Dr. Ornish has also

worked with Hillary Rodham Clinton's Health Task Force, which has drawn up a proposal for a reformed health system.

He even recently spent what was to be a secret day at the White House teaching the chefs how to cook more healthful dishes, until word was leaked to the New York Times.

And in an unprecedented move, Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co., the nation's largest health insurer, agreed last July to reim-burse patients who follow the plan outlined in his last bestseller, "Dr. Dean Ornish's Programme For Reversing Heart Disease."

The plan includes diet, meditation, exercise and support groups.
"The real epidemic is not just heart disease but societ-

al and spiritual," he said in an interview recently. In his book, he explains the psychological reasons why people over-eat, saying that loneliness is often at

the root. Indeed he advocates not only a low-fat vegetarian diet - not even fish or chicken, egg yolk, or nuts and seeds are allowed but also meditation and social support groups. Alcohol is not permitted.

In a recent dinner at a Sausalito restaurant, Dr. Ornish chose salad with vinegar and grilled vegetables with polenta (a type of Italian corn meal) with no

The diet, which he has followed since he was a medical student, is based on what he says humans evolved to handle.

Complex carbohydrates. and fruits and vegetables except for avocados and olives — form the basis of the stringent life choice diet that he says has allowed people to shed an average of 22 pounds (10 kilogrammes) at the Preventive Medicine Research Institute in Sausalito, just north of San Francisco.

The institute is headed by Dr. Ornish, who also teaches at the University of California at San Francisco and is a consulting physician at California Pacific Medi>

al Centre Hospital. "I don't prescribe. I don't tell people what to do," he said. "What I've learned is that people want to feel

Dr. Ornish, a slim. intense 40-year-old with dancing blue eyes, says that on his diet people can eat as much as they reasonably want, without counting calories, and still lose

weight.
"It's not how much you eat, it's what you eat," he said.

Dr. Ornish, a heart specialist trained at Baylor College of Medicine in Texas. was a clinical fellow in medicine at Harvard Medical School and completed his internship and residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. He grew up in Texas on a

heavy meat and fat diet of steaks and barbecue. "I love the memory of a hickory-smoked double cheeseburger," he said. "But fat is an acquired taste."

He adds, "it's about choices that can improve one's sense of well-being.

Keeping on a low-fat diet is important because, he said, calories from oils and animal fats are transformed more efficiently into fat cells than are calories from

protein and carbohydrates. Despite the good press that olive oil has received recently, Dr. Ornish says it is still pure fat. "Olive oil is just less bad for you," he

The Ornish diet advocates a person get just 10 per cent of calories from fat, rather than the American norm of 40 per cent of calories from fat, or the more common recommendation from heart doctors of 30 per cent for those at risk, said Dr. Ornish. The diet has almost zero

cholesterol. "From a diet point of view, all fats are bad." he

He also says that traditional diets don't work because a restricted caloriediet makes a person's meta-bolic rate — the rate at which a person burns calories - more efficient beple evolved to cope with scarcity.

But some criticise his diet as too unpalatable. "If I had to eat a 10 per cent (fat) diet. I wouldn't want to live the extra two years" said Louis Perdue, author of The French Paradox, which advocates wine and olive oil as part of a healthy diet.

"He's trying to build a case for not drinking, and he's building it out of half-truths," said Mr. Perdue. The French Paradox is an argument popularised on the television programme 60 Minutes that the French have a lower rate of heart attacks than Americans because they consume more wine and olive oil.

Dr. Ornish responds that his diet is tasteful, but it just takes getting used to. He also points out his book includes recipes from chefs at such famous restaurants as Chez Panisse in Berkeley, California, Square One in San Francisco, Spago in Los Angeles and Le Cirque in New York.

Film asks: To leave, or not to leave Sarajevo?

By Tony Czuczka

The Associated Press SARAJEVO — Benjamin Filipovic's film about the destruction that war wrought on his native city ends with a rock song called "Odlazim," or, I'm Leaving.

But that's only half the message of "the end of the theatre," a nearly completed tale of survival shot on location during the 18month-old Serb siege of

Sarajevo. Its underlying question which remains open - is whether it's worth staying in the city now that war between Bosnian Serbs. Croats and Muslims has shattered much of the band of soldiers and fireethnic mix that made Sarajevo's cultural life un-

There are fears that many will leave when the siege ends. Filipovic. 30, is undecided himself, but wants to convey hope for the future with his story of five residents who defy the shelling and sniping.

"If there is any suggestion, it is for them to stay because there are very few places in Europe with Sarajevo's energy." he said in an interview.

A clue is in the movie's subtitle, "Mizadlo" -Odlazim spelled backwards. In one scene, a brass men plays a proposed national anthem for the new Bosnian state, then slips into a raucous French cancan dance and ends up soundtracking a cigarette commercial.

Filipovic says it's an image of Sarajevo's diversity and its happy-go-lucky attitude by nature — "not to be dogmatic, not to fall down on your knees when you face tragedy."

That spirit also shows in films by Sarajevo native Emir Kusturica, who made Arizona Dreams in U.S. exile and several critically acclaimed movies earlier in

Filipovic filmed amid ruins during lulls in the fighting, in people's apartments, in a discotheque. He ferried in 16-millimetre film stock on U.N. relief flights, using his credentials as a Bosnian state television reporter.

The main characters represent a cross-section of Sarajevo life. They are a commander in the Muslimled government army headquartered in the Bosnian capital, an artist, a lawyer, a bar owner and a rock drummer who doubles as magi-

cian and impersonator. "We didn't have enough diesel fuel to bring more on location," Filipovic said.

As if defying the forces that have torn Bosnia apart, the Saraievo bar hosting a party for Filipovic plays rap music made in Serbia and serves beer channeled in from Croatia.

Filipovic finished his last movie shortly before fighting started. He needs another few days to finish the latest one.

"I don't know when those three or four days will happen." he says. "There is no electricity again, no diesel, no telephones.

Chances seem better now than in months past because Serb shelling has stopped and the city is inching toward revival.

For the premiere, Filipovic expects to use the swimming pool at the shell-ripped former Holiday Inn hotel as an improvised movie threatre. Several moviehouses are destroyed. One is now a humanitarian aid warehouse.

In Odlazim, a late 1970s hit in former Yugoslavia, a Saraievo rock group mourns lost love with, "I'm Leaving... You Can Cry. I'm Never Coming Back.

Filipovic, who studied filmmaking in Prague, gives his city more of a chance. "If I'm able to do my job here, I will stay," he said. "If not, I will try it some-

where else."

THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK

A man who is afraid will do anything --- Jawahariai Nehru, Indian statesman (1889-1964).

What makes a leader — intelligence, integrity, imagina-tion, skill: In brief, statecraft? Not at all. It is the fact

that the man has a following - Gerald W. Johnson, American journalist (1890-

History is mostly guessing, the rest is prejudice — Will (1885-1981) and Ariel Durant (1898-1981). American historians.

History must stay open, it is all humanity - William Carlos Williams, American author and poet (1883-1963).

Nothing succeeds, they say, like success. And certainly nothing fails like failure - Margaret Drabble, British author (1939-..).

Playing Monopoly

By Jean-Claude Eilas

Life used to be simple. A wrist watch was made to give the time of day, a telephone to make phone calls and a personal computer (PC) to do, as the name implied, personal, not too complex computing.

Nowadays watches can measure your blood pressure, the altitude and store names and numbers. A telephone set, wireless please, will take messages for you, transfer incoming calls to other locations and play digital music while you wait. PCs also have received an impressive list of features and now offer possibilities that have taken them far beyond the 'personal' description.

Demanding PC users however, while in constant need and search for more power and features expect the operating procedure to be as simple and user-friendly as possible. Very few software companies in the world are able to face the formidable challenge of designing

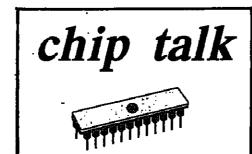
powerful yet easy to use programmes.

U.S. software firm Microsoft, an undisputed leader in this field was already controlling the two main PC operating systems: The MS-DOS (Microsoft Disk Operating Systems) ating System) and the Windows. The latter allows DOS-shy users to smoothly run their computers in a very comfortable environment with mouse operation

and intuitive, easy to understand commands.

Having also developed very successful, Windows based, word processing and spreadsheet programmes, the American company was virtually sitting on top of the PC world. Specialised publications and consultants now consider software developers to be more important than hardware manufacturers.

Microsoft has just attacked the last and crucial



segment of a merciless market — networking. At first sight a contradiction in itself, networking PCs have become a very fast growing field. Local Area Network (LAN) allows the operator to connect several computers and share programmes and data between all the

ters and share programmes and data between all the machines that are part of the system. Apparently simple, efficient and safe networking is no easy task. How do you design LANs and keep PCs operation relatively simple? Microsoft has been working on this problem for a while and has just released two Windows versions for this purpose. Windows for Workgroups and Windows NT (for New Technology) are made to satisfy the users need for powerful yet safe and easy LANs. Everything seems so far to indicate that it is a successful launch and other LAN vendors, Novell and Lansmart mainly, are confronted with a new Microsoft

Lansmart mainly, are confronted with a new Microsoft threat. If, in the year to come, Windows for Workgroups and NT prove to be as successful as DOS and Windows, the software giant, with its other products, would be controlling the biggest and most important share of PC based software. Who remembers the Monopoly game?

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Time for rib-tickling reading

Boozers

- ★ He's not one to do things in halves he does them in
- ★ He's been frequenting a new night club. It has the nicest tables he's ever been under.
- student in the class, and was voted the man most likely to dissolve.
- ★ It's not true that he does nothing but drink he also ★ The skeleton in his closet is in the shape of a whisky
- ★ There's hardly a morning when he doesn't get up
- with a tooth-ache. ★ He frequents so many bars, his suits aren't dry-cleaned — they're distilled.
- # If there is a nip in the air, he even tries to drink that.
- ★ No wonder they call him "Truck" he always has a load on.
- ★ His eyes and nose are so red, the Communist Party has sent him a membership card.

* * * **HUMOUR**

@ Once a philosopher was asked whether he likes to go to Hell or Heaven.

"Really I prefer Heaven, but Hell would be more suitable for me as it will include my best friends,"

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@ TEACHER: If the "east" is on your right hand, the "west" on your left and the "north" in front of you, can you tell what will be behind you?

STUDENT: Of course, sir.... it's the wall.

- @ A man gave his little son one dinar as "mu'ayda" (Eid's gift). The boy went to a grocer's and asked for a change. Then he took the small coins to another grocer and asked to give him a dinar instead of the coins. He repeated doing the change several times. His father observed what he had done and asked him the reason for the repeated cashing and recashing
- In answer to his father's question, he said: "Sooner or later one of the grocers will make a mistake in counting the money, but I myself will never fail to do

Bank of Knowledge WEDDING

- ☆ The word is derived from the barbaric stage of wife purchase through which marriage passed
- ★ The wed was the purchase money or its equivalent horses, cattle or other property - which the groom gave to the father to seal the transaction.
- ☆ In the early days of the Anglo-Saxons, children were often betrothed by the parents, the bridegroom's pledge of marriage being accompanied by a security, or wed. furnished by the father of the groom. Thus originated the term wedding, or pledging the troth of the bride to the man who secured her by purchase.
- ★ It is said that traces of the ancient legal procedure connected with wife purchase remained in England us late as the middle of the sixteenth century. In France, even until the time of Louis XVI, it was the custom to pay down thirteen deniers upon conclusion of marriage contract. This latter practice was doubtless merely a symbolic relic of the time when marriage was an outright cash transaction.

COOKING IS FUN EGGPLANT SALAD

1 eggplant 1/4 cup mayonnaise 1 small onion, chopped

black pepper lemon juice

Bake eggplant at 350° for one hour. Cool. Peel and cube. Force through sieve or use electric blender.

Add remaining ingredients, seaoning to taste. Mix

Yield four servings. Variation: Combine with diced cucumber and

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

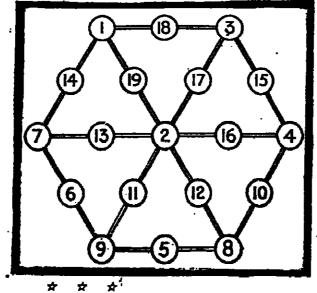
- ★ Americans have invented a device for reducing. automatically the sound of radio and television by: holding up the telephone receiver which if put in its place again, the sound would return to its normal
- * ★ Standing causes fatigue not less than walking because man uses 300 muscles whether he walks or halts.
- ★ The name of the Egyptian Pharaoh, who drove the Jews away from his country, has not been known yet, though it is believed that he was Ramses II.
- * Penguins try to stop the freezing of the pool water by swimming in a circular line. In case they fail to do that, they look for other places to emigrate to, such as the coastal zones where water is warm.
- ★ Hancock, a political leader of the American Revolution, was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence.

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PUZZLES

22 TO 23

- (A) In the diagram are six equilateral triangles which form a regular hexagon.
 - The numbers appearing on each of the sides of these triangles add up to 22 in every case, the number "2" being, of course, a common vertex to all of them.
- You are asked to arrange the same numbers - 19 — so that the total for each triangle is



(B) TABULAR

All the words defined below end in TABLE. For example, the table of distinction would be NOTABLE.

- 1. The boundless TABLE.
- 2. The savoury TABLE
- 3. The fretful TABLE 4. The lucrative TABLE
- 5. The genuine TABLE

By E. Yaghi

Mr. Artiste crossed the intersection late that evening barely escaping the oncoming motorist who almost struck him with his car. Artiste's head stared hypnotically at his feet, while his befuddled mind, or what there was left of it, roamed in thought. He spoke only to himself to the surprise of passing heads after reaching the opposite sidewalk in safety.

"It's been more than three years now and I still don't know how to paint or even how to please, Barabas, my tormentor who sells my paintings. Every time I think I-finally have learned the secret of successful dabbing in all sorts of colours, my manager groans and moans and screams at me!"

He stuck his hands in his pockets full of holes as he stopped off at the local falafel stand for a fast sandwich. Later, hehugged the only supper he would get to his rumbling stomach while his nose sniffed that delicious aroma of hot falafel. At the corner he noted delicious aroma of hot talatel. At the corner he noted that the pharmacist drew down his tin garage door in closing for the night, "Good evening, Mr. Artiste," the druggist said. "How's your painting doing?"
"Oh, not so good. Haven't been selling many paintings lately," his friend complained.
"Maybe then you should try a different technique, perhaps more daring colours!"
"Yes, certainly I must try something different if I plan to est another meal."

to eat another meal."

So he departed to his little clay abode, and upon reaching it, unlocked the rusty iron door and entered. His home seemed dim and gloomy, but he could never imagine giving the walls a new coat of colour because he never could afford to purchase a can of paint. He searched in the dark for his kerosene lantern and when he found it, lit it and placed the smoky glass on the mildewed shelf. He slowly walked over to his dejected canvas, studied his latest work and sighed: "Perhaps I do need brighter colours combined with a bit of daring. "That's it! I should have more red here, more blue here and some yellow over there," he said with growing excitement as he waved his arms about the canvas, "a bit of violet would do here and then I think I'll have devised a good picture, one that expresses the real me!"

He bit into his sandwich, took a swig from the gourd he hung on a nail and then dropped his food on the table, wiped his mouth with his hand and grabbed his paintbrush, dipped it into every colour he could think of and began to swirl his imagination into a rainbow of art. He forgot his frustrations, his loneliness, his hunger as he became his own creation. At length, when the rooster crowed for the last time the next morning, Mr. Artiste put the final touches on the canvas and shouted with excitement: "Ha! That's it! I've finally done it! My masterpiece is completed. I'll get a bit of sleep and then off to Barabas' house. Boy, I can hardly wait to see what

However, the poor painter tossed and turned and even covered his head with his pillow in an effort to sleep, but he was too excited so the only thing left to do was to wash, eat some stale bread and head for the art dealer's house. He readied himself and when he finished, he looked bleary eyed into his cracked mirror. "There's no time to waste!" he panted.

He rolled his carrias and tied it with a string and

banged his rusty door shut, forgetting to even lock it, and strode in big giant steps to the house of his master. Now, Barabas didn't quite live in an ordinary house, but something more like a small castle. It perched threateningly on top of a sinister hill and cast a dark shadow on s below it. But Artiste heeded little the

pervading gloom and almost ran up the steep precipice. His hand trembled a bit and he hesitated to knock on the door but found some courage and tapped nervously. A grouchy butler thrust open the door and yelled to the shaking painter: "Yes, what is it? What do you want.

"I've got something exciting to show Barabas," Artiste blurted.

How modern art began

The butler appeared to shut one eye and with the other like a hungry vulture coldly peered down on the shrinking peddlar of art. With a gruff voice the butler growled: "You always think you have something of worth, but as everyone knows, you waste your efforts and time. Why, I wouldn't let you paint anything I value for you deserge everything you touch." value, for you desecrate everything you touch."

But Artiste overlooked the sneering words and attitude of the offensive servant. He knew he had something this time, so he insisted: "I've got to see Barabas right now. It's urgent!"

The butler disappeared for a while after he slammed the door shut in the painter's face. Then he returned with a haughty, "all right. Come in, but don't say I told

He led the threadbare man into a huge chamber where a bed near a large window held a thin man adorned in his dressing gown, concentrating on a tray of exquisite food. Artiste nearly forgot his mission and drooled at the sight, but Barabas screamed: "Well, what is it now? The butter said you have a matter of urgency to discuss with me."

Artiste drew closer to the bed and untying his prized possession, exclaimed: "Here! You must see my latest and give me your honest opinion. I've used bold new

colours and a flashy style. Look!"

He placed his treasure on the pale blue satin sheets and watched as Barabas traced over the images with his bony finger. He searched for a sign of approval, but found none. At last his mentor stated in a tone of complete disgust: "Go home and think about what a disaster you've made and how you suffered me to witness it. If you insist on scribbling out such poor excuses of art, then I shall send your work to a recycling factory. If you really try, I think you might produce something fitting for someone who has no taste in art, but never dream that you will ever become a great artist or even a bearable one! By the way, your eyes are so red, have you been drinking? Go home and get some

He didn't remember how he left the castle, or got down the hill or entered his own dilapidated abode. He only remembered sitting slumped at his table for hours. His treasure lay near him. He reached for it, unrolled it and took his brush and with stabs of green and morbid orange, messed up all the colours and distinguishable images in a fit of anger. For days, he spoke to no one, nor did he leave his house and he didn't even bother to shave or barely eat. Then, when he was at his lowest, he heard a loud banging on the door. He stumbled over to draw the latch, when in burst Barabas.

"Where have you been? I've been waiting for you!"
Mr. Artiste struggled out the words, "That's it, I'm

never going to paint again!"
"But what is this?" his master said, running over to the mass of colours that splashed across the canvas. "You've finally done it! You've produced a work of art.
How did this happen? We'll be rich and famous!"

And this is how modern art began, as a mistake and borne out of the frustrations of poor Artiste. He lived to the ripe old age of 40 and died with a smile on his face, happy at last that he had finally satisfied the demands of his art dealer who changed his mind about what was eptable more than discarded tubes of paint.

JTV CHANNEL 2 WEEKLY PREVIEW

Thursday, Oct. 14

8:30 Coach

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Old Luther is in love with Luthario and they decide to get married, but after thinking about it he decides to stay single and free.

9:10 Reasonable Doubts

Tessa, the district attorney, wins a case against two women who destroy a person's shop, thus upholding the idea of free expression.

10:00 News In English 10:20 Movie Of The Week

— Heart Beat Starring: John Ritter and

Polls Draper Bill a divorced producer has two kitds and Adrian a

gnant. They meet and fall in love.

divorced news editor is pre-

Friday, Oct. 15

8:30 Quantum Leap A Portrait Of Troian

Sam tries to figure out what is going on around Troion's mansion.

9:30 Faces And Places 10:00 News In English

10:20 The House Of Cards The prime minister fires his party advisor and arrests

his brother!!

11:10 Mind Your Language

NO Flowers By Request A great British comedy

about a bunch of foreigners

trying to study English.

Saturday, Oct. 16

-8:30 The Fannelli Boys

Blackout in Brooklyn area makes the Fannelli family go back in time and remember sweet memories.

9:00 Da Beat's On

9:30 Perspective

10:00 News In English

10:20 Feature Film — Somebody Has To Shoot Starring: Roy Scheider and Bonnie Badelia

Convicted in the shooting death a police officer during the raid on a drugsmuggling operation, Raymond Eames (Arliss Howard) protests his innocence to no avail.

Sunday, Oct. 17

8:30 Family Matters

9:10 Thirtysomething The Burning Bush

In this episode Elleen and Jeffrey fall in love

10:00 News In English 10:20 Panorama -Documentary

Peace Made in Hell A new documentary that talks about the savage war in Bosnia and how this civil war in Yugoslavia has killed so many innocent people, mostly women and chil-

11:10 The Golden Girls One Flew Out Of The Cuck-

The blind date that was set uip between Dorothy and Lucas bears fruit as they get married.

Monday, Oct. 18

8:30 Delta

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dren.

11:00 Final Round Of World Cup 1994 Walter and his family

Craig T. Nelson.

stars in Coach

Delta Bishop throws a

surprise party for her cousin

Levon and she teaches

Levon's husband how to

9:10 The House Of Eliott

10:00 News In English

Derck, or Chancer, sear-

ches for his girlfriend Jo

Thursday at 8:30

Shall We Dance

dance.

Evangeline.

10:20 Chancer

Tuesday, Oct. 19

who has left him.

8:30 People Next Door

throw a big Halloween par-

9:10 Brand New Life Starring: Barbara Eden and

Don Murray She is a waitress struggling to make ends meet. He is a wealthy lawyer. And together they find love and happiness the second time

Under Current Starring. Katherine Hepburn and Robert Taylor

A senator marries a lady by the name of Ann Hamilton and takes her to Washington to live there. But something strange happens between them.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

The Eliott house is sold result is a tie. to repay debts, and Beatrice

10:20 A Weman Named

Jackie, the widow, leaves the White House to marry the richest man in the world-— Onassis.

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around. 10:00 News In English 10:20 Feature Film

8:30 Head Of The Class

The Russians Are Coming A Russian team arrives to compete with the Philmore High School team and the

for a famous dressmaker along with her sister 10:00 News In English S. a lows o ereat painte

leaves Jack's studio to work 9:10 Viewpoint 1992

Benny and Joon — a movie that questions normality film review

Johnny Depp --- Sam Marry Stuart Masterson — Joon Producers: Donna Roth/Susan Arnold Director: Jeremizh Chechik Streenplay: Barry Berman Story by: Barry Berman/Leslie McNeil

Benny is a car mechanic and Joon is his bright, highly articulate, mentally ill sister. Benny has rejected all notions of putting Joon in a home and has dedicated his life to taking care of her and fixing cars. Joon, in the meantime, has taken it upon herself to knock one housekeeper after another into retirement.

Sam, an unwanted cousin, joins the family when Joon wins at a poker game where poker is played not to win cash but to get rid of unwanted household items. Sam becomes Joon's housekeeper making grilled cheese sandwiches with an iron and cleaning the bed with a vacuum cleaner. His presence gives Benny some time to pursue a relationship with Ruthie.

On a trip to the park | Sam's brilliant clowning draws a crowd and raises Benny's opinion of him. Benny's opinion is shattered the next morning when Sam and Joon inform him of their developing relationship. Benny reacts violently and throws Sam out.

Joon, angry and tired of being told what to do, plans to run away with Sam. But, she forgets to take her. medication. On the bus, she has a seizure and later in the mental ward she refuses to see anyone. At a loss on how to see Joon, Benny turns to Sam ...and more than their differences are resolved.

For movies with interesting characterisation, Benny and Joon is up there on the list. With its magical realist script, the writer creates a somewhat fantasised world of the mentally ill, but the excellent central performances are able to carry the characters well, develop relationships with ease ...and in the process question the definition of "normality."

Benny's refusal to put Joon in a home despite psychiatrist's and friends' insistance, and his own realisation that his life is passing him by, creates a sheltered world for Joon, and then for Sam. But, unlike other movies on the mentally ill which use the sick person as a crutch to solve one of the world's problems (i.e. materialism, selfishness or greed), Benny's decision is not taken for self-righteous reasons. Although it can be argued that the fact that his profession is "fixing"

cars and the rest of his time is spent taking care of Joon, it is in reality a coverup for his own inadequacies or a means of martyrising his life.

But, for the most part Benny's decision is seen within the context of his relationship with Joon which is well-established as a loving one at the beginning of the movie. The effect of his relationship with Joon and of being a carer - his confusion, self-denial and lack of social confidence — are carefully described by the scriptwriter and superbly portrayed by Benny.

There is no exploration of Joon's condition other than a brief flashback to the death of her parents in a road accident. This factor makes it difficult at times to discern why Joon is considered mentally ill, especially with her character is so well endowed with real offbeat wit and originality. Sure, Joon throws a temper tantrum (but who doesn't), makes milk shakes, cereal and peanut butter (all edible) while wearing a snorkel and won't eat raisins because she believes that raisins "have had their lives stolen ... They taste sweet, but really they're

Further uncertainity arises on how mentally ill Joon truly is when Sam enters the scene. Doubt is cast on Sam's normality with his tree sitting habits, bread dancing numbers, paint for food and housecleaning antics. He, too, is equally (if not better) endowed with wit, but through precision clowning.

These doubts about Sam's normality and Benny's proper moral decision create a comfortable environment for the audience to watch a movie about the mentally ill. Joon does resort to a few of the typical lines of: "You need me to be sick," and "don't underestimate the mentally ill," but it is only when she forgets to take her medication and has a seizure that the symptoms usually associated with mental illness arise. This is the only point in the movie which shows that there is no substitute for medication.

So is Benny and Joon just a "feel good" movie about the mentally ill, are Joon and Sam testing the conventionality of "normality" or are they two kooks whose problems are resolved by falling in love? If you are looking for an in-depth movie about the mentally ill, then Benny and Joon is probably not your best choice. If, however, you are interested in a movie offering a variety of characters which in one way or another questions "normality", this is the movie to uplift your spirits and to make you more determined that there is no definition of "normality" ... Thank God.

By Najwa Najjar-Kort

The Matisse mystery

By Jean-Marc Dupuich

Henri Matisse made an essential contribution to the birth of modern art. An exhibition at the Pompidou Centre, which brings together 130 paintings and a dozen sculptures, coming from Russia (above all, thanks to the old Chukine Collection), the United States, Paris museums and numerous public and private collections, allows one to rediscover this great painter.

PARIS — Matisse is a man whom nothing destined for painting. He was born in Cateau-Cambrésis in the north of France and studied law before becoming a barrister's clerk. His parents ran a shop which was, at the same time, a grocer's, seed merchant's and hardware

In 1890, he went to hospital with peritonitis. The man in the next bed amused. himself by painting. Why not? His mother brought him a box of paints. He discovered "a kind of paradise." Matisse was 21 years old and had everything to learn. This was followed by years in poverty and doubt, but also of desperately hard

work and the study of paintings in museums or in Gus-

tave Moreau's studio.

In 1904, Matisse was a 35 year-old beginner. After a stay in Saint-Tropez, at Signac's invitation, he opened up his true path with "luxury, calm and voluptuousness." A tall, slender pine. a boat, sensual figures and the tablecloth of a lunch on the beach bathe in the iridescent light of the earth. the sky and the sea. If the production, with its small spaced-out strokes, carried the mark of Signac's divisionism, the sense of composition was asserted and took on its definitive direc- but to think of the pure

Two years later, the same ideal was sung in the colours of fauvism and the sensual curves which now characterised the painter. It was the "Joy of living," a pastoral vision in which a red, gold and green land-scape and bucolic music animated the bodies, dancing enlaced or in a circle.

Confusing the dates when he painted these two pic-tures, Matisse declared, in 1952: "From the Joy Of Living (I was 35) to these cut-out papers (I am now 82), I have remained the same, because, in all that time. I have sought the same things which I have perhaps achieved using different means."

The good decade covered by the exhibition (1904-1917), reveals a complex creator who simultaneously explores opposite directions, in a permanently vivid tension. "You will simplify painting," Gustave Moreau had predicted. The master had been right. It had been a persistant undertaking, begun in the the invitation to travel, con- fertile contradictions of tained in the box of paints those years and continued offered by his mother, now right until death. One has

melodic line of his drawings, his cut-outs and his stained-glass windows.

Two versions of the Young Sailor of the winter of 1906-1907 illustrate this simplification. The drawing moves from the already purified broken lines, to the essential curves. The streaks of light and shade on the clothes and the skin are abandoned in favour of single colours. The background loses the diversity of shades and turns uniformly pink. The face flattens out, undergoing the deformation of any levelled convexity.

In spite of their sometimes huge size, paintings such as Dance, Music, Boules players and Bathers With A Turtle are based on only three colours, the pink or vermilion of the bodies, the blue of the sky and the green of the earth.

The refusal of perspective and the noting of volumes prevents any illusion as to the level surface of the painting and poses the cru-cial problem of composition which Matisse solves by the pictural balance of the forces figured, as can be noted in the three-colour works mentioned above, or by the expansion of the arabesque.



Henry Matisse during his years in Saint Paul-De-Vence in the south of France

The Red Sideboard provides a fine example of the latter solution. A single red background, broaght to life by the rhythmical line of a blue arabesque and floral ornamentation in the same tone, unites the wall of the dining-room and the table on which fruit, decanters. vases and fruit dishes are placed, in a single vertical

surface, and, through the suppression of depth, the latter appear integrated into the painting as decorative patterns. "Composition," said Matisse, "is the art of arranging, in a decorative manner, the various elements that the painter has feelings."

On visiting the exhibi-

tion, one remembers that torted the naked body im-Matisse was a scandalous painter and the leader in the Cage A Fauves (Cage For Wild Beasts, also a pun on the "fauve" movement) of 1905, and that, in 1913, in Chicago, the Blue Nude, A and grey, who also used Souvenir Of Biskra was dull, earthy or subdued the aggressiveness of the brick and ocre - L'Ac-

pregnated with blue shadow.

··· Finally, one can see that, once the "explosion of fauvism" had passed, this colourist was a master of black brutal twisting that dis- tualite En France.

Chinese superstar says political films can aid history

By Terril Jones The Associated Press CANNES, France (AP) — Chinese actress Gong Li says The Piano — offers a sober-playing in films with exploing, powerful depiction of the sive political content helps 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, put a human face on history. when China was thrown into makers portray a politically call for a purge of Western

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sensitive issue, it's not to influences. make a political film, but to make a film of a human ments about the 1989 Tiananstory," Gong said. To My Concubine, directed of the pro-democracy move-

by Chen Kaige, she plays a ment. beautiful courtesan whose "D life is caught up in a doomed make different films accordlove triangle and China's con- ing to their nature," she said. vulsive Cultural Revolution. In any case, she has never

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The film — which shared the top prize at this year's Cannes Film Festival with "I feel when Chinese film- turmoil by Mao Tse-Tung's

She offered similar sentitory," Gong said. men Square protests that en-In her latest film, Farewell ded with the bloody crushing

"Different people will "Chen Kaige's motivation contemplated making a film is not to tell a political story about Tiananmen — as if she



Gong Li in the film Farewell To My Concubine

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attracted Zhang, also her offwhom she's now making 10 nims.

Live. She's also at work on Painted Soul. Then come Who was that actor?" a jour-films produced jointly with nalist reminds her: Daniel she can do it in English.

Would she like to work in 2000 and directed by Zhang.

"Ooh, that's so hard to "Language" she said.

Her favourite role has been "The most important thing Qiu Ju, the soft-spoken, ear-amazingly he was so skinny I look for are roles with different aspects, rich characterisations," she said. "That's share of justice. It was a hit in just got the Academy Award, similar to my personality, and China, where filmgoers what's his name? Al Pacino. chuckled at similar And Dustin Hoffman." Born in the northeast city bureaucratic roadblocks en- Gong is chatty in Chinese

Academy of Drama in Streep, saying she's "so ver- of studying, but I'm not pa-Her beauty and poise literate, you can tell."

She's almost casual about pronounce and then the one

but regrets that she can't She most admires Meryl speak English. 'I'm thinking satile, very well read and tient enough," she said. "There's no time. Sometimes Gong is liveliest when talk- I work on four films a year. screen companion, with ing about other people's She knows, however, it will whom she's now making To films.

"Language," she said.

Japanese rock singer wins devoted following after his death THE PART OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE

By Kozo Mizoguchi The Associated Press TOKYO — Japanese rock singer Yutaka Ozaki never won much fame or fortune during his short career. He lived fast and died -drunk and naked — at age 26.

But Ozaki's songs about the rejection of mainstream materialism in order to chase dreams and love are outliving their creator. A family that has opened its doors to his bereaved fans is , helping keep his legend

Tens of thousands of Japanese, young and old,

have made the pilgrimage to the downtown Tokyo street corner where Ozaki was found shortly before his death in April 1992. They leave flowers, cigarettes, a guitar and other memorabilia in tribute to their late

Each evening, dozens make their way to the home of Tadao Komine, a wholesaler who welcomes Ozaki's fans to his small, two-story wooden house.

"Today's young are lonely. They cannot share their real feelings even with their millions of Japanese who

parents, friends or co-workers," says Komine. "I give them advice based on my own experiences. I tell them not to follow Ozaki's ex-

Ozaki, a high school dro-pout, spent 18 months in prison for a 1987 drug conviction. He apparently died of alcohol abuse shortly after Komine's wife, Toyoko, found him laying naked on the street near their home.

For the visitors to Komine's house, and the

buy his records, Ozaki's appeal seems to be his rejection of the corporate ratrace that dominates most lives in Japan.

It's also a messianic fascination with a man many fans seem to believe sacrificed himself to deliver his message.

"I was moved by his single-minded passion for creation and singing," says Shunsaku Kawashima, a 26year-old Tokyo office worker. "He used up all his energy to die for us as an

"To me, he is a leader who understood us and our way of living in a difficult

During his 10-year career, Ozaki produced 71 songs, including seven albums and several novels and essays.

Kenichiro Inoue of Sony Music Entertainment Inc., who likens Ozaki to the late movie star James Dean, says that sales of his albums have soared to about 100 million since his death.

Although Ozaki's following once was only among teens and young adults, it has expanded to include many middle-aged women. says Etsuko Yamashita. a lecturer in women's history at Japan's Women's Col-

People are fascinated by Ozaki's sincere way of living — his search for things of the heart, not money or materialism," she says. Ozaki's fans admire his

flat rejection of the speculative frenzy that gripped Japan in the late 1980s. when stock prices soared and real estate went through the roof, while

average Japanese worked harder than ever. In the song Kiss, he sings of a weary Japanese corporate "soldier":

"I'm a worker, get so tired...

"I'm working for money "I'm a worker, hard worker

"Don't let on that I'm such a tired, lonely worker "I'm a worker, get so

money "Any way..."

Young office workers and students flock to Komine's cramped house in a lower class Tokyo neighbourhood just to sit and talk, sing and listen to Ozaki's music.

"I'm surrounded by too much information and videos and TVs and consumer goods, but I have only a few friends I can speak with frankly," says Kazumi Tovama, a 23-yearold office worker.

"Ozaki sang against our "Wasted time, little money-oriented society, where people are cold and

'SUZI' — a new technique for treating severe male sterility

mal.

By Philippe Delabarre

It seems quite simple to have a child. And yet, the further our knowledge of the physiology and pathology of reproduction progresses, the greater the impression that there is something miraculous and improbable about it.

PARIS — Not so long ago. the biblical concept of the barren woman was a heavy burden to bear and it would have been quite misplaced to question the reproductive capacities of a man. And then, over the years, the facts had to be faced and it had to be admitted that, in 50 per cent of cases, male sterility was more or less to blame, which is a fairer view of things.

But it turned out to be an intricate problem. Whereas a woman only has a single cell to produce each month (the oocyte), it takes nearly three weeks for a spermatozoon to become "operational", after undergoing all kinds of transformations in

order to reach maturity, and there are several million spermatozoa per ejaculation.

Moreover, it is a really tough course with very few survivors at the end, only the strongest, about 1 per 10^{x5} . And only one of them will have the privilege of fertilising the oocyte. If all goes well..., as, at that moment, a host of physical and chemical obstacles will once again have to be overcome. And yet, "it works".

Except for sterile couples. It should immediately be pointed out that the most difficult cases are those when there is no apparent reason for the sterility as the man and woman are

- absolutely normal in the ease (diabetes, for instance) present state of our knowledge. So what can be done? All gynaecologists have known such cases.

For women, tremendous progress has been achieved in the last 40 years both concerning the mechanisms. and hormonology and therapy ("ovulation inducers") as well as using methods of "assisted procreation". A good twenty or so of them are used, from the simplest to the most complicated.

Multi-colour paint

For men, the problem is infinitely more complex. Any point at all along the production line can be at fault (imagine a car plant, from the sheet iron right to the finished product) and we barely know how to intervene either on the quality or on the quantity.

In 98 per cent of cases, medical or other, treatment is almost totally ineffective and the only "hope", is to improve the conditions of life (smoking, alcohol, etc.) or to discover a latent dislikely to affect the production of sperm and which can be treated.

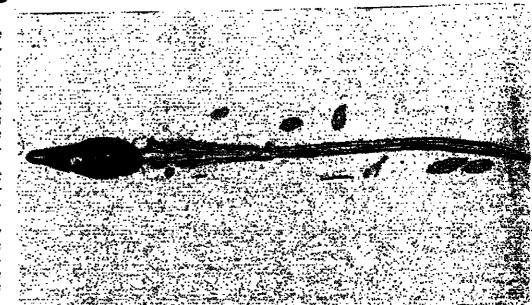
The other cases, which are the ones that we are concerned with here, are 'oligo-astheno/ teratospermies", complicated or not by infection, the latter warranting treatment by antibiotics. But, for the rest, let us return to the example of the factory and imagine that, on the production line, there are cars without bodies or without doors, steering-wheels in the place of the wheels or a wheel in the place of the steering wheel, multicolour paint, etc.. This explains the "terato" part of the word, meaning "malformed

or abnormal. Let us go further. Some of them have no engine and three gear boxes, or an engine without any pistons. They are unable to move and they are thus "astheno"; and, worse still, the production line only manufactures 1/10th or 1/100th of what it should (hence "oli-

go": small number). Several techniques have been tried more or less successfully: Homogenisation, concentration, selection, etc., but spermatozoa are fairly fragile and do not put up with these manipulations very well, and all the more so if they are already abnor-

The new idea is SUZI. It was invented by Professor Van Streteghem from Brussels and is, at the moment. being tried out, in a slightly modified manner, in Paris at the Antoine Béclère Hospital in Clamart and in the Bicetre Hospital (Doctors Oliviennes and Wolff). The oocytes obtained by

stimulation are removed upon maturity and released from their outer envelope using Streteghem and Óliviennes' technique, or, on the contrary, kept intact by Wolff and Testard. The spermatozoa are prepared and a micro-manipulation or, more precisely, microinjection is performed. In one of the techniques, a single and preferably im-



An enlarged photograph of a spermatozoon

mobile spermatozoon is in- rounding the oocyte and serted into the cytoplasm of the oocyte (if it were too lively it would create too much damage inside the oocyte). The result is 50 per cent fecundation and 30 per cent pregnancies.

In the other case, a few spermatozoa are inserted between the outer envelope and the pellucid zone surthey have to overcome this last obstacle themselves, leaving the act of intraoocyte penetration up to nature. Out of 106 couples, 20 pregnancies were

It may all seem very simple, but it must be emphasised that these few lines only give a very sketchy

idea of the operational difficulty of such a technique which might, at first sight, appear "perfectly straight-forward", but which is, in fact, highly complex. So, for the time being, it is specifically reserved for cases of severe oligoastheno/spermies, but seems to give much hope ---L'Actualite En France.

Nuclear weapons equipment may be used in breast cancer detection

By H. Josef Hebert The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -Machinery designed to detect and analyse flaws in nuclear warheads may soon be used in an effort to-provide women better early detection of breast cancer.

The energy Department signed an agreement recently for a \$3.28 million joint venture between the department's Lawrence Livermore Laboratory and a Colorado manufacturer of X-ray equipment to develop improved "digital" detection technology for breast

Fischer Imaging Corp. of Denver, a leading manufacturer of diagnostic X-ray machinery, will finance \$2.4 million, while the govern-ment will contribute \$880,000 according to the agreement.

The digital

has been used for years at government weapons laboratories such as Lawrence Livermore in California to check for possible flaws in components of nuclear weapons, laser weapons and other defence-related

hardware. But some of the machinery costs several million dollars, compared with roughly \$75,000 for conventional X-ray equipment used in hospitals.

The joint venture is the latest in an attempt to convert scientific expertise at government weapons laboratories into commercial and civilian uses. President Bill Clinton recently announced a plan for a joint research and development effort inyolving the government laboratories and the domestic auto industry to try to develop a cleaner, more

fuel efficient car. "Our goal would be that

we have this product ready for FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approval in 1994," Morgan Nields, chairman of Fischer Imaging, said in an interview. Clint Logan, the mam-

mography project leader at Lawrence Livermore, said it might take a bit longer, perhaps three years to resolve technical problems and two more years to obtain FDA approval.

The digital equipment would provide better image quality, require less radiation dose, allow detection of smaller tumours and detect early signs of a problem in younger women whose breast tissue is more dense, which makes conventional X-ray machinery less reliable, said Mr. Nields. Mr. Nields said the super-

computers available at Livermore, one of the leading government research es, also will allow researchers to find the optimum wave length to achieve the best image at the lowest dose levels, thereby reducing X-ray radiation exposure to pa-

Fischer Imaging hopes to develop a digital version that costs "two to three times", what conventional X-ray equipment costs. Mr. Nields said such a price would be commercially competitive since the digital equipment is cheaper to operate, provides cheaper storage and produces less waste.

Digital mammography uses electronic radiation detectors to capture the image created by X-rays passing through the breast. A converter changes the X-ray energy to visible light. While a conventional X-ray machine captures the images on film, the digital stem allows it to be

viewed directly on electronic displays similar to a home computer.___

Mr. Nields said that because the image is much clearer, with greater contrast, it will allow for better

tect smaller tumours.

This is a breakthrough in the fight an epidemic which has claimed the lives of so many of our grandmothers, mothers, aunts

Breast cancer claims the lives of an estimated 46,000 women in the United States each year. While X-ray imaging, along with physical

detection with fewer X-ray and daughters," said Sen. examinations, is considered actually being taken and de Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. the most effective means of the most effective means of early detection, health a perts estimate that a fift! of mammograms, using our-rent conventional technolofail to detect carbers

'Resetting' the body clock seen preventing accidents, jetlag

By Cynthia Johnson Reuter

LONDON — Preventing jet lag and industrial accidents caused by drowsy night workers are just two uses of a powerful hormone that can "reset" the body's biological clock, resear-

The financial savings on industrial accidents alone could be significant. The nuclear accidents at Three Mile Island in the United States, Chernobyl in the Ukraine and the chemical leak at Bhopal, India, all occurred at night when human error is more likely, said researchers at a recent

London conference. The hormone is Melato-nin, produced by the pineal gland at the base of the brain, a gland named for its resemblance to a pine cone. Melatonin. output is highest in darkness and sunlight suppresses its flow.

'In some respects Melatonin represents darkness, because it's made at night,' said Josephine Arendt, professor of endocrinology at the University of Surrey in Guildford, England.

"In humans it has a prop-erty in shifting the so-called body clock, which is an internally-generated, roughly 24-hour rhythm. It will advance or delay the cycle — shift it "eastward" or "west-ward" if you like, in the case of time-zone travellers."

Prof. Arendt has tested Melatonin in long-term trials to treat jet lag on more than 400 people and in small studies on shift workers.

In the larger study those taking the hormone were able to halve their jet lag, with very few side effects such as headaches or sleepi-

The shift workers slept better during the day and were more alert at work. Prof. Arendt and others say the other promising treatment for shift workers

first used as a therapy for certain psychiatric illnesses. such as winter depression. It is now used in workplaces in the United States and essentially consists of increasing workplace illumination in the early-morning hours.

Researchers say Melato-nin and bright light are complimentary treatments but the correct timing of the therapies is essential. "All of the disorders that

have responded to the phase-shifting effects of appropriately timed expo-sure to bright light should also respond to appropriately timed Melatonin administration," said Al Lewy, a professor of psychiatry at the Oregon Health Sciences min but which, timike the natural substance, can be patented.

Massachusetts-based Interneuron Pharmaceuticals, for example, is working on

University, Portland.
Says Prof. Arendt:
"Think of Melatonin as darkness. You know that if you turn the lights out earlier in the evening you will go to sleep earlier. If you take Melatonin in the late afternoon or early evening,

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this has a similar effect "If you leave the lights off or put blinds on your bedroom until late in the morning then you will sleep later and get up later. Tak-

ing Melatonin in the morn-

ing will induce this effect.
"Bright light works in the opposite way, so if you use is "bright light", which was it at the opposite end of the cycle you reinforce the

Researchers at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, have found teenagers' tendency to stay up late and sleep late also may be due to the Melatonin cycle and linked to puberty.

If true, this may have implications for the timing of the school day, says study director Mary Carskadon.

A number of pharmaceutical companies are developing chemical compounds that mimic Melatonin but which, unlike the 4

for example, is working on a sleeping pill that will in-clude Melatonin with an altered structure. Slow-release compounds are being researched but it may be several years before any are commercially available as their long-term effects are still being studied.

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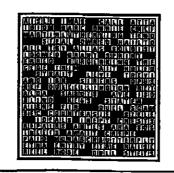
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Mail-order drugs pose new problems for regulators

By Cynthia Johnson Reuter

LONDON - Wider international use of mail-order medicines poses new dilemmas for regulators monitoring the spread of unauthorised or counterfeit drugs. They say the problem is still very small but that ris-

ing pressures to curb drug

costs threaten to exacerbate

"I've no doubt that if mail order does take off then it will provide an additional channel for the distribution of unauthorised and counterfeit drugs," said Peter Lowe, assistant director of the London-based counterfeiting Intelligence Bureau, part of the International Chambers of Com-

"One of the problems with the marketplace is that it has changed a lot and the traditional channels of distribution have broken down and changed in many countries," he said.

Mail-order delivery of drugs is widely used in the United States, where many reputable companies operate.

The problems arise from

offshore firms or loopholes in mail regulations. Pharmaceutical industry analysts also note that in an environment where drug costs become more important there may be greater temptation to try unknown sales channels.

"If price-cutting on retail pharma becomes standard practice that would make it. easier for counterfeit medicines to get into the dis-tribution chain." said Ian Senior, managing director of London-based Remit Consultants Ltd.

People will be shopping round, looking to knock money off their prescriptions, just as people who shop round for a car part are prepared to take the cheaper thing.

A counterfeit medicine is one which is deliberately and fraudulently mislabelled as to its identity or source.

Concern has been expressed that a provision in European mail-order laws that lets individuals order medicines from other European Community countries for their own use could be

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'Spontaneous' etchings evoke rich images

By Ica Wahbeh Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — "I don't work with preconceived ideas. I feel my way through, I know my way, I don't get lost," says the slim, young-looking Moham-mad Omar Khalil, whose grey, abundant on the sides, tufts of

hair betray the age. Born in Sudan in 1936, this talented artist has lived and worked in New York since 1967. The list of places where he exhibited his works is impressive. So is his talent, unique in a way, and his pleasant personality when he patiently explains technical stuff or is summoned by a forceful mother, decided to give her two children live art lessons, to expound his art to her prog-

To produce his etchings, Mr. Khalii uses different techniques whose outcome is equally varied. He prefers to work on zinc surfaces because "zinc and nitric gives me a sense of time, of rotten things eroded by time. Zinc is soft, wears out faster than copper (used by most etchers); I like the bite on

Sugar lift, spit biting, aquatint, needle etching and cross hatching are some techniques used by the artist who employs soft ground, oil-based ink, sugar pigment and gum

Arabic for the final outcome, which is black and white paintngs, of relatively big sizes, where imagination can be at a loss as for the myriads of meanings and where things mix in a whirlwind of combinations

Delicate lace or heavy brocade, landscapes, spinning wheels and tops or abstract images intermingle in breathtaking frames.

and images.

Serialised, the works come in theme groups like the ones in Petra or Bob Dylan set, but they are not confined to one interpretation only.

The Bob Dylan-inspired ti-ties: Baby blue, Tangled up in blue. It am't me babe and Idiot wind, are a homage to the great singer and an outstanding accomplishment of the great

In It ain't me babe, a huge face, actually just the eyes and the nose bridge, stare at you from the bottom half of the frame: hawkish nose, one round, owlish eye and one foxlike, slyly closed, make up a sinister image below a dark black upper plane hanging

ominously over it.

In another work, windows covered by straw blinds, through which a setting (rising) sun can be seen, reminds one of images in a movie shot in the Far East (China or Vietnam),

whole while uplifting the spirit. Aptly titled Petra, the series

belonging to it can easily bring to mind images of the Naba-tean city with siq-like slits opening the perspective, giving it depth and mixing with leafy trees, roots and branches for foreground consistency.

Wheels, spirals, geometrical figures and beehive-looking spots alternate with cosmic explosions. Mineral, plant and animal coexist; a feline head and a cobra take part of two works as do faces, portraits, human bodies, letters and numbers in others.

Here and there, a stripe of blue, brownish red, silver, ochre or green splits the works into two or more planes, sometimes creating the impression of collage. The artist works spon-

taneously, intuitively knowing where he will eventually arrive. "I would make three or four stages of the print without proof. I would know the out-

am doing. The technique is at the tip of my fingers," says Mr.

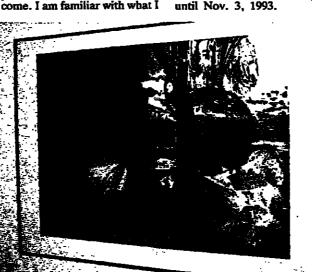
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While acknowledging that each piece is like a new experience, challenge and adventure, he also admits that "I am always in this unpredictable sort of situation, knowing, paradoxically, what happens. The technique is three quarters of what you do," he says and his is proof of his mastery.

If the spit bitting leaves marks similar to water colours. sugar lifting lends a pitch black shade to parts of the work.

All in all, rich textures, draping materials, graceful bodies, strong surfaces mix beautifully. Black and white contrast philosophically in opposites: life and death. happiness and sadness, good and evil. But there is also grey: life is not, after all, only black

The artist, had a demonstration of his technique in the workshop of Darat Ai Funun, where his works are on display



Maastricht treaty comes out of the wringer — for now

By Graham Brown Agence France Presse

BRUSSELS -- The Maastricht union treaty has been through the wringer since it was negotiated in the Dutch city of Maastricht by European Community leaders in December 1991. But it represents only the

first stage towards real European union. The community still needs to

crawl out of economic recession, reverse a tide of Euroscepticism and fight a bruising political battle in 1996 before the outline of unity can be

The so-called "German problem" was the last of a series of roadblocks which the treaty had to overcome since it was signed in February 1992, including a temporary veto by Denmark and near-rejection by France and Britain.

The new European union was supposed to be born on January 1, 1993, after ratifica-tion by the community's 12 member states.

Now, following Tuesday's decision by the German High Court that the treaty does not fundamentally conflict with German law, it is set to be ratified by Germany and then formally implemented - just about á year late.

The treaty was conceived at the EC's Hannover summit of June 1988 by French President Francois Mitterrand. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and European Commission President Jacques Delors. They decided that the next logical step to the EC's single market was a single currency.
Then in 1989 the Berlin Wall

came crashing down, marking the end of the cold war. The European federalists decided that political union needed to be grafted on to the economic pact, to create a nucleus for the The treaty was negotiated af-

ter intense horse-trading, and ratification by member states looked like a formality until little Denmark rejected it with a 50.7 "no" vote in a June 2. 1992, referendum.

The poll unleashed a tidal wave of Euro-scepticism just as the community began sinking into its worst economic recession since World War II and signally failed to deal with civil war in Yugoslavia.

The EC's system of linked exchange rates buckled as its economies began pulling apart instead of converging under the Maastricht plan, mainly because of the economic strains caused by West Germany's absorbtion of East Ger-

EC leaders concocted various assurances to reverse the Danish vote, notably the new principle of "subsidiarity"

which meant the EC would keep its hands out of member nations' affairs wherever it could.

The Danes were also offered exemptions from a single currency and other treaty items. Frightened by isolation, they voted "yes" on May 18 this

Meanwhile, the virus of Euro-scepticism had spread, particularly in France. After an ill-tempered campaign, the French voted "yes" in September last year by a tiny 51.5 per cent majority, saving the treaty from certain oblivion.

Apart from France and De-

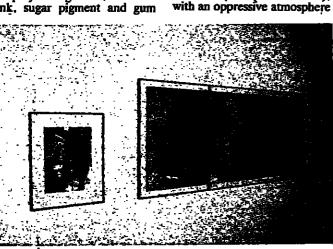
nmark, only Ireland subjected the treaty to a referendum. The Irish ratified it with a big majority, persuaded that it would bring them much de-velopment aid and have no influence on the country's strict abortion policy.

Next came a battle in antifederalist Britain. Prime Minister John Major finally managed to muster a majority in the House of Commons on

Aug. 2. Finally, only the German High Court stood in the way of

The deepening recession continued to drive EC economies further apart in 1993. In August it was forced to suspend the narrow bands linking core currencies within the European Exchange Rate Mechanism and economic recovery is not expected to start hefore 1996.

The EC's leaders continue to maintain that the programme for a single economy before the turn of the century - the central treaty element — is still on course. Economists and politicians are increasingly



Some of Mohammad Omar Khalil's etchings on display at Darat Al Funun gallery

It is not so easy not being cop to the world

By Walter R. Mears The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON — Successive presidents, their diplomats and leaders in Congress have repeated the denial almost word for. word while accepting, unavoidably, a world role that doesn't quite fit the disclaimers.

There is no easy way out because, as retired U.N. Ambassador Vernon Walters observes, while the United States should not be the world's policeman, it would not want to live in a world with no police at all.

Still, police officers do not get to pick the alarms they answer. U.S. policy-makers can, and President Bill Clinton has told the United Nations that it must know when to say no if Americans are to say yes to worthy peacekeeping mis-

On his terms, that must include answering a clear threat to peace, with set and welldefined objectives, a firm timetable and end point and financing that does not leave all the bills for Washington. With that list of conditions,

plus the need for congressional support, the administration will always have grounds to refuse a role in a U.N. mission. But outright refusal is increasingly difficult for the only superpower in the post-cold war world. "The United States cannot

be the world's policeman, but also cannot turn a blind eye to the world's problems," Mr. Clinton said earlier in the Somali operation. In presidential farewell, George Bush renounced the policeman's role, saying it is supported neither at home nor abroad --- but adding that the United States must promote democratic peace because there is no one else to do

The admonition and the assignment are not easily put

together. When U.S. troops are committed abroad, so too is the prestige of the United States, its full faith and credit, in the words of former Defence Secretary Dick Cheney. The commitment does not hinge on the numbers; recall President John F. Kennedy's description of the outnumbered U.S. garrison in West Berlin during a 1961 cold war crisis as hostage to America's intent to defend

The latest U.S. mission, to Haiti, stirred political misgivism even before Monday when the landing of about 170 Ameranother vessel took their pier while a gang of toughs disrapted arrival arrangements on shore. That apparently was sanctioned by the military regime that is supposed to be yielding power next month.

About 700 Americans are due to be part of that U.N. operation, most of them training and engineering specialists.

Some members of Congress warn that the mission could put lightly armed Americans in a very dangerous situation, might embroil them in another police

Senator Bob Dole, the Republican leader, complained that the operation did not follow the four conditions Mr. Clinton had just set at the United Nations, and said it ought to be dropped.

The administration said the Haiti mission involves important U.S. interests, including the risk of another flood of boat people seeking American asylum unless a stable, democratic government takes charge.

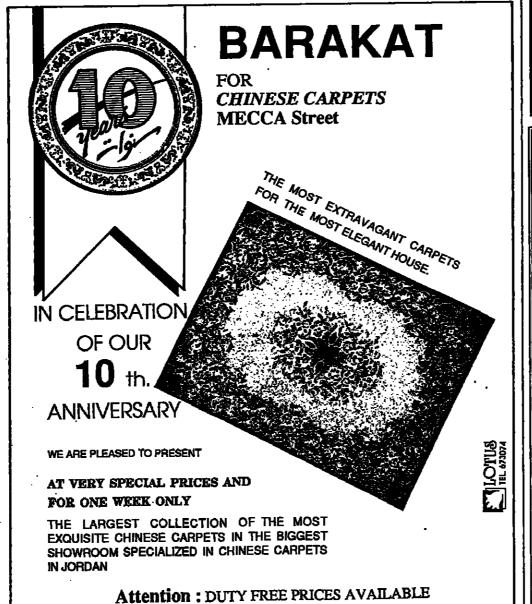
It is a training and reconstruction assignment. But the lines are fine ones. Secretary of State Warren Christopher demanded the Haitian army help, not hinder, the U.N. "mission for peace." But the same statement carefully noted that Americans were not being sent to "perform a peacekeeping

And, as critics point out, the original Somalia mission was famine relief, not peacemaking or pacification.

The administration had offered to send American troops to Bosnia to join an international effort to enforce a ceasefire, if the civil warring sides agree upon one. 'Mr. Dole said the Somalia crisis probably precludes that unless Mr. Clinton makes a compelling case he has not heard yet.

The U.S. forces in Somalia are part of a 30-nation U.N force, but Mr. Clinton pointed out the linchpin role the United States takes when it becomes part of such operation. "Make no mistake about it. if we were to leave Somalia tomorrow, other nations would leave too," Mr. Clinton said. "Chaos would resume, the relief effort would stop and starvation soon would return.

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High deposit rates seen reducing Saudi bonds' pull

MANAMA (R) — Saudi government bonds, which have been a relatively safe and profitable way for banks to employ their usually plentiful funds, are apparently losing some of their shine, bankers in

The decline in interest was caused by a rise in Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates over the past two months, they

Rates on interbank deposits

of one month to one year have drawn very close to and even exceeded rates offered on goveriment bonds, which extend from two to five years.

The spread (between the interbank rates and bonds) has

Exports and liberalisation spur Asian growth — ADB

promotion, deregulation and liberalisation have spurred rapid economic growth in China and South East Asia, outgoing Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Kimimasa Tarumizu said Wednes-

Mr Tarumizu said in a speech at a Manila conference on trade and economic development that China and South East Asia have promoted manufacturing, strengthened their infrastructure and implemented better financial systems to lure investment.

German aid

expert fears

revolution

HARARE (R) — A German aid expert said war-ravaged

African countries could face a

revolution from their hungry

populations because of unful-

filled economic promises.
"There are just too many

people who have waited for

too long for the peace dividend

to arrive." the head of Ger-

many's non-governmental

Friedrich Naumann Founda-

tion in Zimbabwe, Christian

Friedrich, told a business

meeting in Harare Tuesday

night.

If nothing happens soon to improve their lives, this could

be a major destabilising factor.

The peace we think has come

may soon vanish," he told de-

legates from southern Africa.

Africa, people will not be pa-

tient enough to wait for the

normal course of things to yield the benefits they have

always longed for," said Mr.

Friedrich a professor in in-

dustrial psychology. He blamed Africa's econo-

mic decline on poor manage-

ment and corruption, huge population growth, Western

aid policies which preserved

donor interests and a fall in

world prices for export com-

modities like coffee, tea and

world gross domestic product

was only two per cent versus more than 50 per cent accounted for by Japan, the United States and Germany,

Its population was growing

at 3.1 per cent a year, much

higher than economic growth

which would only begin to show a positive upturn of 4.4

per cent in 1998.

he said.

As a result, Africa's share of

In countries like South

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The share in world trade of newly industrialised economies (NIEs) led by Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore jumped to nine per cent in 1992 from a mere 2.2 per cent in 1970, Mr. Tarumizu, who is leaving the ADB next month for health reasons, said.

"China and South East Asia also increased their shares (in world trade) - from 0.6 per cent and 1.6 per cent to 2.2 and 3.3 per cent, respectively, in the same period," he said. Intra-regional trade grew sharply by the second half of the 1980s as imports that used

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became increasingly available in Asia.

By 1992, trade between countries in Asia totalled \$332 billion compared to the \$239 billion worth of Asian exports to North America and the \$113 billion that went to the European Community, the ADB said.

Asia's newly industrialised countries have also become major investors in Indonesia. Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines as they broaden their exports from mainly primary commodities to include non-traditional manufactured goods.

disappeared," one top banker said after the last offering. The does not mean that

money is no longer going into Saudi bonds, since they have other attractions. But it has caused some bankers and investors to reflect on just how much to put in.

The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) offers 1.5 billion riyals (\$400 million) in two- to five-year bonds every other Saturday.

To make them attractive, SAMA sets the yield at a fixed margin above the comparable U.S.-Treasury notes - 30 basis points (0.3 percentage point) above the two-year rate, 35 for three years, 40 for four years and 50 for five years.

While Saudi interbank deposit rates have historically tracked U.S. dollar rates - the riyal has been fixed at 3.75 to the dollar since 1986 - the riyal rates have risen since late August because of speculation of a possible devaluation.

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The speculation, vigorously dismissed by Saudi officials, was prompted by reports in Western publications that Saudi Arabia was borrowing too much and that the economy was not as strong as

Saudi officials have strongly contested those reports and bankers in the kingdom see them as exaggerated. Regardless of the merit of

the argument, the rival interbank rates have remained stubbornly high, often 1/4 or 1/8 point above the U.S. levels and touching the rates of Saudi bonds. In the latest offering, made

on Oct. 9 for purchase on Oct. the two-year bond yielded 4.09 per cent, three years 4.42 per cent, four years 4.75 per cent and five 5.12 per cent.

By comparison, the Saudi interbank offered rate on Oct. 11 ranged from 3.98 per cent for one month to 4.125 per cent for one year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S POSITION

The Jordanian-American Commission

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The newly established Jordanian-American Commission for Educational

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Because the interbank rates were comparable, the general manager of one Saudi bank that often buys a substantial amount of bonds said he had decided to skip the latest offer-

"There's nothing in it anymore for bonds," said a dealer at a bank which often used to take deposits on the interbank market - paying 314 per cent say on three months - and then buy Saudi bonds for a yield of 41/2 or five per cent or

Another dealer said he had not heard of any clients asking to buy bonds in the last month, though banks may have done so. SAMA sells only to banks, which can then sell the bonds to customers both in Saudi

Arabia and abroad. A SAMA official nonetheless told Reuters he had not detected any slackening in the purchase of Saudi bonds. "If there were any problem we'd hear it from the banks."

Peasant unrest continues in China, minister says

PEKING (AP) - Peasants in China have staged violent protests against abuse by corrupt officials, Agriculture Minister Liu Jiang was quoted as saying. "Peasants are very angry," Mi. Liu conceded in an interview with the People's Daily and the Ambana News Agency. "Vicious incidents caused by the overbunden on peasants continue to occur," he said. Mr. Liu provided no deliails, but said that from January to July more than 70 per cent of the complaints received by the ministry concerned illegal taxes on peasants levied by local officials. The minister said recent measures announced by the central government to ease the burden on China's 900 million peasants succeeded in keeping more than 10 billion yuan (\$175 million) in peasant hands.

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY OCTOBER 14, 1993

GENERAL TENDENCIES: require that you now acquaint While the Moon in Libra joins the Sun in the same sign, the double square of Uranus and Neptune late this evening brings an obsession with the unus and the unconventional. Accidents are possible.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You can be just as subjective and personal as you wish in letting others be aware what you like the most and how they can help

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You now have some very deepseated desires that in order to obtain you need a fresh new approach and the assistance of one who is experienced advisor.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) New goals and aims activate you most able effors now to gain the various intimate ends that you feel will bring you the greatest amount of happine

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Your worldly standing can be much improved today! by stever you do in the world of outside activity so bring your expertise into the open.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21)
Consider well the many new
ambitions that are pressuring you
and don't waste any precious moments but go after them with win, vigor and vitality.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Your need for more expertise in your business affairs

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation yourself with the modern and current way of performing LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Take some time out to be

with a dynamic partner from whom you can learn a lot about being outgoing and utilise know-ledge available to you. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Whatever you have in mind where your activi-

ties are, involved requires that you drop some antiquated methods and accept up and doing successful outlook SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You have spark and dash today and you can very much please your loved one by showing more interest and by

some romantic action that bowls CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Look for some exciting things to do at your residence that will bring more enthsuissm and good will between various

members of your household. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) This is your day to be more productive in what your activities happen to be and especially in joining allies to improve your mutual interests.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Consider various ways to increase the good things in your life that you have and you can make rapid strides toward having a greater abundance and to

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY OCTOBER 15, 1993

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The New Moon in Libra early this morning conjuncts the Sun, and Jupiter and trines Saturn providing more harmony, vitality and determination. An inclusti-no toward instinctual activity is

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Much comes to light giving you the chance to see just where you are headed and what you can do to improve your relation world of outside activity.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May ever ideas you have to those with whom you work side-by-side and get their views and come to an understanding for

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Pleasures you have anticipated can be quickly arranged so make appointments to see and be with those congenial companions at

mutually available times. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Put into motion without delays those conditions which you feel will add to the well-

being of yourself and other members of your household." LEO: (July 22 to August 21) A very good day to come to a better rapport with those with whom you have usual outside contact of a routine nature and joint enter-

prises are a greater success. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) A day to take a good look at your property and possessions

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation and to decide just what you can do to enhance the comfort and value of them.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You have more charm and magnetic radiation than for some time and you can wow those you like into going along with your social and personal wishes.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You like to look into whatever is mysterious and not well understood and today is a perfect day for you to ferret out

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Forget that overly independent attitude which is so strong a part of your nature and see and enjoy as many friends as you can contact

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Much comes to light where both home and worldly conditions are involved and you would be wise to sit back and then seize opportunities as they

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AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Think about what new contacts you can make that are able to give you pointers how best to do whatever is required of you at your everyday duties. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Money and other practical

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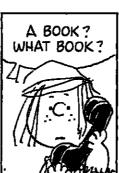
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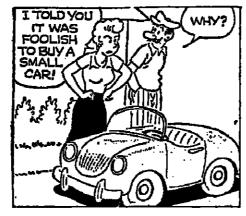
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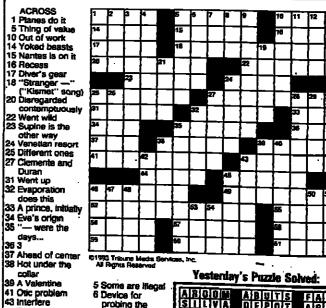
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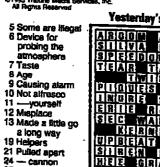






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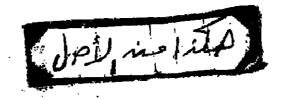
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Swiss Franc	1_4001	1.3985
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Japanese Yen	106.02	105.75
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Deutsche Mark	6.75	6.63	6.31	5.87
Swiss Franc	4.56	4.37	4.25	4.18
French Franc	7.06	7.00	6.75	6.18
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Kohl warns against protectionism

PARIS (R) — German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the first foreign leader to address the French senate, made a strong plea against protectionism Wednesday, saying it would be a "fatal error" for Europe to

close its markets. Speaking a day after Germany's constitutional court

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approved the Maastricht treaty on European union thereby removing the last obstacle to ratification, Mr. Kohl also said it was vital to stick to the timetable and conditions for a

single European currency. His call for adhering to the EC's monetary calendar contrasted with doubts he raised in

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French francs

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Danish crowns

Swedish crowns

Norwegian crowns

Italian lire

Community's summer currency crisis about whether the EC would achieve its goal of creative a single currency by 1999. The chancellor used the plat-

form of the gilded senate chamber to make a ringing appeal for open markets at a time when France is threatening to block a GATT world trade agreement to protect its heavily subsidised farmers.

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"It would be a fatal error to believe that West Europeans could benefit from withdrawing from competition by shutting off their markets," Mr. Kohl said.

Citing a remark by senate speaker Rene Monory that withdrawing into oneself was the worst answer to the challenges of modern times, the

chancellor said:
"I agree with you and I support your call to Europeans to be creative, to change their thinking, to look forward and to resist the temptation of pro-

Mr. Kohl compared his senate appearance to a historic

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speech by President Francois Mitterrand to the Bonn parlia-ment in 1983. When the French leader urged West Germany to deploy U.S. nuclear missiles in response to a Soviet

threat. He stressed Franco-German cooperation was crucial to build European union and rebutted the argument that both had outlived their usefulness now that the cold war was

"We heartily invite our European partners to partici-pate in this work, but we will not allow ourselves to be diverted from continuing to develop this union and completing it with all those who want to share in it," he said.

Mr. Kohl said individual states could not effectively counter turbulence on foreign exchange markets, which caused the virtual collapse of the European exchange rate.

"In less than three months' time we will enter the second phase of economic and monetary union in accordance with the Maastricht treaty.

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Bell Atlantic, TCI announce mammoth merger

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Bell Atlantic Corp. and Telecommunications Inc. (TCI) announced a merger Wednesday to create a telephone and

cable television colossus. News reports said the merger was worth as much as \$33 billion, which would make it the largest deal of its kind, creating the sixth largest U.S.

company.
"This is the biggest deal of all time," said Martin Sikora, editor of Mergers and Acquisitions magazine in Philadelphia. The new company would have combined assets of \$60 billion — making it the sixth largest U.S. company. Only General Motors, Exxon, Ford,

IBM and General Electric would be bigger. Bell Atlantic, based in Philadelphia, serves Washington D.C. and six states in the mid-Atlantic region. It had revenues of \$12.6 billion in 1992 and net income of nearly \$1.4

TCI, which is based in De nver, had revenues of \$3.5 billion and operations income

of \$956 million.
The company serves more than 10 million cable subscribers and is in the process of acquiring Liberty Media Corp., which would raise its subscriber list to 13 million, or 23 per cent of the national cable television market.

TCI also has backed a hostile bid by QVC Network Inc. to acquire Paramount Com-munications for \$9.5 billion. Liberty Media is a major own-

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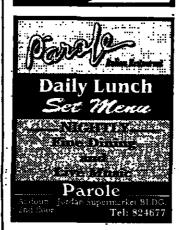
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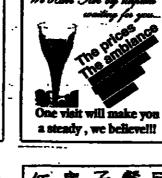
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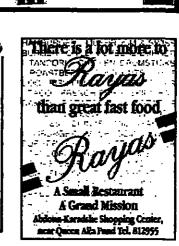
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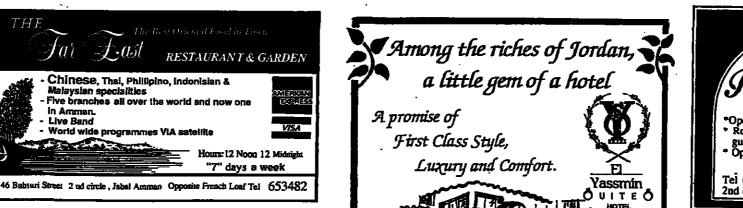
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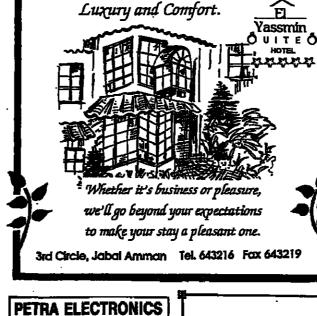
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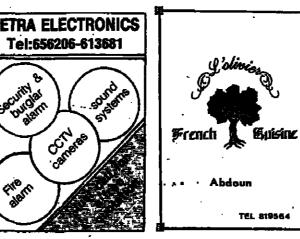
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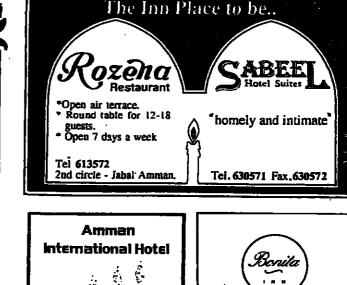
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Kremlin: Draft constitution to be presented by Nov. 10

MOSCOW (Agencies) - A draft Russian constitution will be published on Nov. 10, a spokesman for the president's

Office said Wednesday.
The spokesman told AFP that the constitutional conference, charged with revising Russia's Soviet-era constitution, will hold plenary sessions Friday and Saturday, and on Oct. 29 and 30, to finalise the

He added that the draft would be submitted to President Boris Yeltsin on Nov. 3. Several leading politicians have urged the president to hold a referendum on the new constitution on Dec. 12 — the date scheduled for the par-

liamentary elections. The existing constitution has been a prime source of contention between Mr. Yeltsin and his conservative opponents. The president has pushed to overhaul the constitution, giving greater executive powers to the head of state, whereas the hardliners have used the Soviet document to try to reverse Mr. Yeltsin's measures.

Mr. Yeltsin dissolved the conservative-dominated parliament on Sept. 21. Mr. Yeltsin categorically de-

nied Wednesday there would be any change in the timing of democratic elections for his post-Communist country.

The president's insistence on holding parliamentary elections on Dec. 12 contributed to a stand-off with a hostile conservative parliament and a

Haiti; U.N.

Gunmen

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PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) -

Gunmen waving automatic

rifles and pistols patrolled the

streets of Haiti's capital for a

third day early Wednesday as

Western diplomats pressed the

U.N. to choke anti-democracy

forces with tough economic

Scattered shooting was heard in the city throughout the night, hours after hundreds

of angry protesters forced a U.S. Navy ship with 200 en-

gineers, construction workers and medics to give up a landing

Army leader General Raoul

Cedras flatly refused to

guarantee the safety of any

international troops sent to

Haiti under a U.N.-brokered

This week's violent ram-

page, in which at least one

person was killed and a foreign

television crew was briefly kid-

napped at gunpoint, drew a

furious response from U.S.

called for tough and immediate

economic trade sanctions to

force Haiti's military rulers to

comply with the U.N. accord

signed in July. The plan was to

have army leaders relinquish

power Friday, and return

democratically-elected Presi-

dent Jean-Bertrand Aristide to

The changes of Mr. Aristide

returning from exile by the end

of the month appeared to be

growing dimmer, despite di-

plomats' public insistence the U.N. plan would proceed on

U.S. Ambassador

Madeleine Albright told repor-

ters late Tuesday she expected

the U.N. Security Council to

reimpose trade sanctions

Wednesday. But U.S. sources said it was

not clear if Washington would

ask the Council to draft new sanctions or re-impose the pre-

vious sanctions suspended in

August. These included an

arms and oil embargo and the

freezing of some assets abroad.

and taxi drivers were forced off

the streets of Haiti's capital

city by bands of heavily-armed

gunmen, known as "Attaches"

because of their links to police.

The Attaches are also blamed

for a series of political assas-

sinations of Aristide suppor-

the U.N. human rights mis-

sion, said he feared for the

safety of the nearly 300 human

rights observers now in the

mighty Americans, they can

chase away the less powerful

civilian mission," Mr. Gran-

was under attack from several

The fragile U.N. peace plan

Gunmen, some toting auto-

matic rifles and machineguns,

confidently roamed city streets.

"If they can chase away the

Colin Granderson, chief of

ters in recent weeks.

country.

derson said.

Schoolchildren, shopkeepers

U.S. President Bill Clinton

attempt and sail away.

peace accord.

and U.N. officials.

power on Oct. 30.

sanctions.

coup attempt that was crushed by the loyalist army. But a senior presidential

aide was quoted Tuesday night as saying the Russian leader might postpone December elections and combine them later with presidential polls.

"I categorically deny it and I will not keep such advisers," Mr. Yeltsin told a news conference in Tokyo, where he ended a three-day visit.

"If you tell me his name I will have him sacked," he added to laughter from reporters. He nodded grimly when told Russia's ITAR-TASS news agency had quoted presidential council member Georgy Satarov as making the re-

"Elections will be held on Dec. 12 to the Federal Assembly. Presidential elections will be on June 12, 1994. That has been decided and that's how it will be," Mr. Yeltsin con-

But he left the door open for a later change in the date of the presidential poll, saying it was up to the new-style twochamber parliament to make the final decision. "That is its prerogative, the prerogative of parliament," he said.

Many Russians — even some of Mr. Yeltsin's democratic supporters — have been shocked by a Moscow security clampdown since the president sent in tanks to disperse hardliners in the old Supreme Soviet building on Oct. 4. More than 140 people were

killed in two days of violence. A temporary state of emergency, including a curfew and a ban on some opposition newspapers and parties, was then

imposed. Some officials acknowledge it could be difficult to arrange parliamentary polls by the De-cember deadline, partly because political parties are in an embryonic state.

Mr. Satarov said simultaneous elections could improve Mr. Yeltsin's democratic image, a view shared by many Muscovites who feel the president should swiftly to the people to justify his unexpected use of force.

Throughout the Tokyo visit. his first chance to make his case abroad since the bloodshed, Mr. Yeltsin has been at pains to stress that he had the backing of his countrymen.

"I understand the (Japanese) prime minister's worries about this, and those of the Japanese public. Unfortunately states are sometimes obliged to use force ...But it wasn't our choice," he said Wednesday.

"We were obliged to resort to force to avoid mass red terror and bloodshed. Communists and fascists ...dared to spread death and horror in the streets of Moscow and were preparing for new bloody

"We had to stop them." "We have always spoken out

against force. Our position is well known. And when we manifested firmness, Russians understood us and supported us," Mr. Yeltsin added.

The modest success of Mr. Yeltsin's ground-breaking visit to Japan, Moscow's old foe from World War II, will have helped his cause at home although the talks in Tokyo have produced more goodwill

than concrete agreements.

President Yeltsin said the new Russian Federal Assembly would decide whether to hold fresh presidential elections.

"The elections for the Duma (lower house), the Federal Council (upper house) and local assemblies will take place on Dec. 12 as scheduled," he told the news conference.

Mr. Yeltsin said he was still prepared to go to the polls on June 12 but "the Federal Assembly should decide on the question of the presidential election as it has its prerogatives in this matter.'

Most of the electoral blocs likely to take part in Russia's December parliamentary polls share President Yeltsin's goal of a Western-style democracy and free market economy, a close aide said Wednesday.

First Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Shumeiko said that only Communists and extreme nationalists, should they manage to form a strong par-liamentary group, could cause problems in relations between the president and the future legislature.

coalition

two-party coalition govern-ment Wednesday with their old Peasants Party allies, after

Waldemar Pawlak, chair-

ter more than three weeks of negotiations to form a govern-

The coalition must now officially submit Mr. Pawlak's nomination to President Lech Walesa for his approval. Mr. Walesa however has insisted throughout the process that he be presented with three candidates, and not just one,

signed Wednesday in parliament after a last-minute puliout by the Labour Union (UP). The smallest of the three leftist parties that won seats in legislative elections

leader Ryszard Bugaj announced that his Social Democratic Party had withdrawn from the coalition negotiations, after a final round of talks Wednesday morning, owing to disagreement over the privatisation policy and the government's composition.

While the UP had pressed for a sharp cut-back in the privatisation programme of the outgoing government of Han-na Suchocka, the SLD wanted to press ahead with selling off

Polish left forms

tas as a major economic policymaker but as an executor of Mr. Papandreou's decisions. "Despite my personal esteem for Mr. Yennimatas, I see him more as an executor.

He has no technical knowledge of such things," said Antonis Chalaris, treasurer at Banque National De Paris. Mr. Yennimatas was in

charge of the economy under an all-party government in 1989, His first task will be to must be submitted to parliament by Nov. 30.

Greek Socialist old-guard sworn in

New Greek Minister of Culture Melina Mercouri

poses for photographers after the swearing-in ceremony of the new Greek government at the

ATHENS (R) — Greece's new

prime minister Andreas

Papandreon and his hand-

picked, old-guard Socialist

government were sworn in

Mr. Papandreou, 74, who

returned to power in a stun-

ning election victory Sunday,

put some of his most trusted

old personal and political

About 100 Socialist suppor-

ters cheered outside the pres-idential palace as the cabinet

was sworn in before President

Markets were reserved after

news the National Economy

and Finance Ministry was

assigned to one of Greece's

most popular politicians,

George Yennimatas, who has

close ties with powerful labour

An engineer by training, Mr.

Yennimatas, 54, is expected to

help hold unions in line if Mr.

Papandreou has to implement

strict economic policies to fight double-digit inflation and de-

Dealers and bankers said

they did not see Mr. Yennima-

ficits.

friends in key ministries.

Constantine Karamanlis.

Wednesday.

He will find a huge shortfall in estimated revenues for 1993 and the question worrying Greek financial markets is how the Socialists will cover this gap. So far there has been no indication of how they will do

have to enforce the strict conditions set out in the Masstricht Treaty for the convergence of European Community econo-

Veteran diplomat Karolos Papoulias was sworn in as foreign minister. A lawyer by training, he excels in a quiet, behind-the-scenes approach to handling problems and has good relations with Greece's northern neighbours.

Gerassimos Arsenis, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology-trained economist, took defence. Theodore Pangalos became

alternate foreign minister with responsibility for EC relations and will head the effort to prepare Greece's EC presidency which starts in January. Ageing film star Mélina Mercouri returned to the Culture Ministry post she held in Mr. Papandreou's last govern-ment, which ruled from 1981 to

In Sunday's election Mr. Papandreou won with 46.9 per

cent of the vote and 171 seats in the 300-seat parliament. He has indicated he will get down to work quickly and try to erase the "black sheep" Western allies. He must submit the 1994

presidential palace in Athens Wednesday (AFP

budget in six weeks, prepare to take over the European Com-munity presidency in January and make plans for a visit to Washington expected early next year. Mr. Papandreou, whose frail

health has raised questions over his ability to run the country, named his personal Mr. Yennimatas will also doctor Dimitris Kremastinos as bealth minister.

Mr. Papandreou said Wednesday that he will quickly scrap the defeated conservatives' ambitious privatisation programme and all their other antri-democratic measures."

In a televised statement to his new cabinet, Mr. Papandreou said his government would not be vengeful but would immediately bring bills before parliament to overturn legislation enacted by the outgoing conservative administra-

Mr. Papandreou, 74, ordered his ministers to go directly to their respective ministries "to assess the damage" of three years of conservative rule.

He said among the bills which would be brought immediately to parliament was one stopping the privatisation of the State Telecommunica-

tions Company (OTE).
OTE was in the final stage of having 35 per cent and management rights sold to one of six bidding foreign companies for an expected \$1.5 billion. Mr. Papandreou has not said how he will make up for the lost revenue in the 1993

Scavengers jostle for spoiled food

MANILA (AFP) - The government burned thousands of cans of spoiled Chinese luncheon meat at a dumpsite here Tuesday, but the raging fire did not prevent dozens of impoverished scavengers from fighting to get at the food, witnesses said. The incident reflects the scale of poverty in the country, one of the major challenges confronting President Fidel Ramos' government. Customs agents warned slum dwellers of the garbage dump in suburban Malabon town not to eat the spoiled Ma Ling canned luncheon meat but their appeals fell on deaf ears, even when they told the crowd that dogs which had eaten it had died. The agents poured gasoline on the boxes and cans before torching them. But the fire failed to hinder throngs of scavengers who elbowed each other for a share of the spoils, some opening the cans and gobbling up the contents right there. Customs officials said the canned food had been stored in a warehouse for five years after syndicates attempted to smuggle it into the country.

Bangkok traffic cop flips out at Hell intersection

BANGKOK (AFP) -- A stressed-out Bangkok traffic policeman was taken to a mental hospital after turning all the traffic lights at his intersection to green and dancing amid the ensuing chaos, newspapers reported Wednesday. The 25year-old cop, stationed at one of the city's worst crossroads, nicknamed "Hell Intersection" by Bangkok motorists, was taken to a mental institution and diagnosed as suffering from severe mental illness, the reports said. Many of Bangkok's traffic policemen suffer from respiratory and hearing problems caused by critical evels of air and noise pollution. Some police booths at the more polluted intersections are even equipped with oxygen tanks for the relief of the longsuffering cops.

Snake invades operating theatre during surgery

DHAKA (R) — Panicked surgeons fled leaving a patient on the operating table with his stomach still gaping when a & hissing cobra invaded the theatre, police said Wednesday. They said the doctors at a hospital in Barisal district returned and beat the snake to death. They said snakes had entered the hospital before but the incident Tuesday was first time one had ventured into the operating theatre. Hospital authorities were not availble for comments.

Michael Jackson to perform in Dubai

DUBAI (R) — Pop superstar Michael Jackson will perform in the Gulf Arab Emirate of Dubai in mid-November as part of his "Dangerous" world tour, his sponsors said Wednesday. A statement issued by Pepsi Cola International said Jackson will perform to an estimated audience of 35,000 people at Dubai's Al-Maktoum Stadium in Al-Nasr Club. Jackson, who last Wednesday started the Latin American leg of his tour, will go to India after Dubai. Jackson has pledged to raise \$100 million for his Heal the World Foundation, which he created to fund youth projects, during the tour which has been dog-ged by allegations of child

Peking bans fireworks

abuse by the singer.

PEKING (AFP) - A law passed here Tuesday bans setting off fireworks in Peking from Dec. 1, in a bid to end the annual tradition of lighting up the city's skies on Chinese New Year. The law was approved by the Peking Municipal Legislature, the Xinhua News Agency reported. For the moment, the law will only apply to downtown areas while suburbs will be exempt. A survey conducted earlier this year found that 84 per cent of the respondents supported the ban, although "quite a number of farmers and youngsters have opposed it," according to Xinhua. Official figures show that 2,462 fireworks-related injuries were reported since 1987 and some of the victims were blinded or crippled. During last year's new year's festivities, 544 people were injured and 208 fires reported.

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Top Italian officer suspended

ROME (R) - Italian Defence Minister Fabio Fabbri ordered the suspension Wednesday of army General Franco Monticone, accused by his former mistress of planning a coup, the Defence Ministry said. In a statement, it said Mr. Fabbri had demanded Gen. Monticone leave his post as head of the Rapid Intervention Force "immediately."

Heavy fighting erupts in Cambodia

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand (AFP) - Heavy fighting broke out in Cambodia to the south east of this border town Wednesday in what appeared to be an offensive by government forces against the Khmer Rouge heartland in western Cambodia. Sustained heavy artillery and rocket fire was clearly audible from here and a Thai officer on the border said the fighting was the heaviest in the area for several months. but emphasised it was still not clear which side started it. Though the fighting was heaviest in the morning it continued throughout the day and shelling could still be heard as darkness fell. There were no reports of casualties. About 300 civilians fled the Khmer Rouge-controlled refugee resettlement village of Yeah Ath and sought refuge in a school built by Thai army engineers along government-controlled Route 5, according to another Thai military source.

Indian quake toll put at 10,000

BOMBAY (AFP) - A powerful earthquake which rocked the western Indian state of Maharashtra last month killed nearly 10,000 people, well short of earlier toll estimate of 30,000 dead, the state chief minister said Wednesday. Sharad Pawar told a news conference here that 9,748 bodies had been recovered from the rubble in 80 quake-hit villages so far. "Village chiefs have told us that no more bodies are likely under the debris," Mr. Pawar said. "I've told the army that they can withdraw," he said, adding: "The army has been telling us that the troops have been idle for the past two days." The Indian government rushed troops to the earthquake zone following the Sept. 30 temblor to help with rescue operations and the recovery of bodies buried under tonnes of debris. Pawar also said designs for "quake proof" houses had been finalised and the Maharashtra state government had determined that sturdier homes would be needed in eight districts of Maharashtra state.

Pakistan bomb financed with aid

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The CIA has informed a congressional committee that U.S. and other international loans to Pakistan have freed up money for its nuclear weapons programme. The Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs asked the intelligence agency how a country as poor as Pakistan could afford to develop a nuclear bomb. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) noted that Pakistan has received \$19 billion in aid from other countries and multilateral lending institutions such as the International Monetary Fund. "Loans and grants from both bilateral and multilateral aid agencies free money for Pakistan to spend on its nuclear programme," the CIA said in a written response made public in a committee report last week. The CIA said that of the \$19 billion in aid Pakistan received, \$2.7 billion were not designated for a specific purpose. It enabled Pakistan to finance civilian imports, "freeing an equivalent amount of funds to spend on the nuclear programme," the CIA said.

Pakistan crisis drags into 4th day

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Pakistan's political crisis dragged into its fourth day Wednesday, with no resolution in sight in the battle between rival claimants to form a government, Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif. With two days before the first sitting of the new federal parliament Friday, Ms. Bhutto, who emerged as front runner in last week's national elections, still appeared likely to be able to muster enough support to form a government. But her position appeared to be complicated by rumours of a possible split in a potential ally, the Pakistan Muslim League-Junejo Group (PML-J). The PML-J, a breakaway group from Mr. Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League (PML) helped Ms. Bhutto perform unexpectedly well against Mr. Sharif in his electorally-vital home province of Punjab in provincial elections last weekend. Ms. Bhutto has admitted that without control of the Punjab she would be hamstrung in any effort to govern the country. In 1988-90, the last time she was premier, her lack of control of the province was decisive in stopping her from completing a full five-year term, she said.

U.K. police raid suspected bomb factory

LONDON (R) - Police said Tuesday they had found a suspected IRA bomb factory and enough high explosions to make up to 20 bombs during raids on houses in North London. The operation by the anti-terrorist squad was in an area where the Irish Republican Army (IRA), fighting to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, has planted about 10 bombs within the last two weeks.

government

WARSAW (AFP) - Poland's former Communists formed a negotiations with a third party

man of the Peasants Party (PSL), was put forth as the prime minister designate by the coalition whose other party is the ex-Communist Union of the Democratic Left (SLD). The announcement came af-

for the prime minister's post. The coalition accord was

The Labour Union (UP)

certain state corporations.

put together the first Socialist image that his previous admibudget in four years, which nistration had with Greece's budget. Americans, Canadian win Nobel **Chemistry and Physics prizes**

STOCKHOLM (Agencies) — American Kary Mullis and British-born Canadian Michael Smith won the 1993 Nobel Chemistry Prize, while Americans Russel Hulse and Joseph Taylor Jr. won the physics' prize, the Swedish Royal Academy of Science announced Wednesday.
The academy said Mullis and

Smith shared the prize for chemical methods that each of them developed for studying the DNA molecules of genetic material.

The academy said the two men's methods had further hastened the development of genetic engineering.
"The two methods have

greatly stimulated basic biochemical research and opened the way for new applications in medicine and biotechnology," the academy

Mr. Mullis, 48, is a director at Xytronyx Inc., San Diego,

Mr. Smith, 61, is director at Biotechnology Laboratory, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

Mr. Hulse and Prof. Taylor Jr. won the 1993 Nobel Physics Prize for their discovery of a Binary Pulsar Star System that helps to study gravity, the Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences said.

Measuring changes in the Pulsars' orbits has led to indirect proof of Einstein's theory of the existence of gravitational waves. Professors Taylor, 52, and

Mr. Hulse, 42, are both now with Princeton University in New Jersey. They made their discovery in 1974 of what is called "Pulsar PSR 1913" 16 (the figures giving the position in the sky) using a 300-metre radiotelescope in Arecibo. Prof. Taylor was then a pro-

fessor at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and Mr.

Another American who worked with them in the Arecibo project praised the two scientists as "much nicer people than most Nobel laureates." David Helfand, now doing research at Cambridge Uni-

Hulse was his research student.

versity in England, described Mr. Hulse and Prof. Taylor as 'generous, straightforward, obviously very good scientists." He particular praised Prof. Taylor as successful academic

who is "not into building empires."

"Joe pursues the science he's interested in," Mr. Helfand said. He added that a sign of his generosity was that he was had "a long string of successful students" whose projects he supported.
The first Pulsar had been

discovered in 1967, a small, quickly rotating dead star that gives out radio waves like a beacon.

Clinton: U.S. cannot shirk global challenges CHAPEL HILL, North Caro-Port-Au-Prince, where armed. gest his Somalia and Haiti poli-

lina (Agencies) — President Bill Clinton, under fire for his Haiti and Somalia politics, said Tuesday there were limits to what the United Nations can do but stressed the United States must not shirk global challenges. "This is a world America has

done so much to make, through two world wars, the civil war, the establishment of global economic and trading mechanism," he said in a speech before 45,000 people at the University of North Caroli-

Last week, Mr. Clinton tried to quell concerns in Congress about the U.S. role in the U.N. mission in Somalia by announcing a March 31 deadline for withdrawal of all

American troops. Earlier Tuesday, he announced a change in another United Nations mission - this time in Haiti.

Mr. Clinton suspended a military assistance mission to help restore democracy in Haiti and called for renewed economic sanctions against Haiti's military rulers. He ordered a navy ship carrying U.S. military advisers to leave

gangs rampaged to prevent the ship from docking.

The United Nations can do more good than ever before, but clearly there are limits to what outside forces can do to solve the severe internal problems of some countries," Mr. Clinton said, but he added: "The United States cannot

have done so much to make. "While this new world fulfils so many of oldest dreams, it still presents us with new dangers," he said, noting the recent showdown in Moscow between Russian President Boris Yeltsin and hardliners in the

withdraw from the world we

dissolved parliament. Turning to Somalia, Mr. Clinton said the African nation was a place "where some of our best young soldiers were killed or injured as they helped to save millions... from death. starvation and anarchy."

Mr. Clinton has come under increasing criticism in the U.S. Congress from Democrats as well as Republican leaders, following a bloody gun battle in Mogadishu last week in which 15 Americans were killed and 75 others wounded. Public opinion polls also sug-

against juvenile delinquency. cies are increasingly unpopu-lar, a USA Today/CNN Gailup poll published Tuesday found 59 per cent of the 1,019 aduits

ing U.S. forces to Haiti. Mr. Clinton turned his attention from Somalia and Haiti as he told Americans of his vision for a future with job, health and personal security for all.

surveyed disapproved of send-

In a rather disjointed speech Tuesday in honour of the 200th anniversary of the University of North Carolina, Mr. Clinton advocated "economic security, health security and personal security" free of the "ravages of violence."

The White House had scheduled the trip to North Carolina to counter charges that Mr. Clinton was losing touch with the people and failing to give a clear idea of the direction he wanted to take the country and the difficulties involved.

Exploding foreign policy crises have kept the former Arkansas governor from his preferred area of expertise: domestic policies and such issues as streamlining government, reforming the health care system and the fight

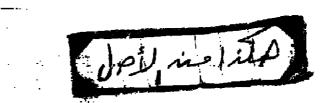
A poll released Tuesday showed that Mr. Clinton's rise in the polls based on the early popularity of his health care reform was fragile. The number of Americans who approved of his presidency slid from 56 per cent two weeks ago to 50 per cent.

Mr. Clinton was keen to show that pressing world problems did not detract his attention from his foremost priorities on the domestic front and to remind people that his reforms, as bold as they might seem, related to a global vision of American society with the overriding theme of security.

If Americans were afraid of the changes he was proposing, he told thousands of students in the university stadium, it was because they felt "insecure" about their jobs, their health and their personal safe-

Recapping the main goals of his presidency, Mr. Clinton promised three things to all Americans: Economic security, life-time health security through adequate medical insurance, and personal security against rising crime and vio-





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Short brings down the house with chess win

LONDON (R) — British chess being suspended late last challenger Nigel Short was month due to financial and back at work Wednesday preparing for his next game against Garry Kasparov after celebrating his first match vic-

tory over the world champion. Short, 28, shrugged off a disastrous start Tuesday to regain his credibility as a serious title contender by winning the 16th game of the 24-game chal-

The match resumes Thursday with Kasparov having the advantage of the white pieces

Kasparov, 30, still enjoys a commanding 101/2 to 51/2 lead after six wins, one loss and nine draws but Short has held him even over the last six

No player has ever come back to win a title match from six games behind, but Short's strong recent performances after falling three points behind after only four games has prompted even Kasparov to consider him the likely challen-

ger in 1995. Short celebrated his win with family and aides Tuesday night but on Wednesday morning he was back to serious prepara-

tion work for game 17. English grandmaster Jonathan Speelman, one of Short's aides, told Reuters he believed Short could stage a serious comeback and make

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the score respectable. "The next game will be cru-cial — that's why we will be hard at work today," Speel-

But the current bookmakers' odds are a better reflection of Short's .chances of real success

in the current contest. Bookmakers William Hill . slashed the odds against a Short victory in half, but he remains a 500-to-one underdog, in betting terms making Kasparov's dethronement about as likely as proof that Elvis

Presley is still alive. Kasparov still needs only two points to clinch the winner's 5/8ths share of the £1.7 million (\$2.5 million) purse provided by the Times of Lon-

The rival match sanctioned by world chess body, FIDE, is set to resume in the Indonesian capital Jakarta Saturday after organisational problems.

Russian Anatoly Kaprov leads that 24-game contest 7-5 over Dutchman Jan Timman. FIDE disqualified Kasparov

and Short earlier this year after a dispute over match conditions and the players founded a breakway professional chess association.

On Tuesday when the result of Short's win was official, a near-capacity audience erupted into cheers and applanse that shook the Savoy Theatre in London.

"I was telling them over and over on the earphone commentary that this time he really was going to win and suddenly the hall shook and I heard this roar of — yeahhh," English inter-national master Chris Ward

Short admitted in a press conference after the game that he got "absolutely nothing out of the opening" and expected the game to burn out in a

The challenger confessed that his uncertain early play was the result of his loss in the previous game. "I was rather shaken by my last loss and didn't want to do anything drastic," Short

"But I was too embarrassed to offer a draw, and Kasparov was too ... so then it became interesting again," Short said. Short denied that he felt this win marked the end of a psychological barrier: "I don't had a psychological

Asked to describe the feeling of beating the champion for the first time in seven years and only the second time in his career, Short said: "Good, I'd almost forgotten what it was

Short explained that he had not experienced by doubts about muffing this opportunity as he had so often earlier in the

"I think I had an advantage today. I only noticed I was completely winning just before the end," he said.

The match resumes Thursday with Kasparov having the advantage of the white pieces

Seles attacker freed

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TEST YOUR ANALYTICAL POWERS

HAMBURG, Germany (R) -- was shy, polite and fearful. The man who admitted stabbing tennis star Monica Seles was given a two-year suspended sentence Wednesday for causing her grievous bodily

harm. Guenter Parche has admitted stabbing tennis star Monica Seles with a kitchen knife last April was described by a courtappointed expert Wednesday as an abnormal loner who re-

fused to talk about sex. Doctor Wolfgang Pinksi told the Hamburg court Mr. Parche who says he attacked Seles because he adored her rival Steffi Graf, was "a highly abnormal personality" who

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

Both vulnerable. East deals.

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SOUTH

EAST

South West North 2 Pass Pass

Pass

Opening lead: Two of Forget about the auction—East-

West were far too cautious. Follow

the play of this hand. South's over-

call of two diamonds was passed out, and all that remains is to make eight

tricks. At the end, decide whether

anyone made an error and, if so,

East captured dummy's jack of hearts with the queen and shifted to

the queen of clubs. Declarer ducked

the first club, won the continuation

and cashed the ace and king of trumps. Leaving the master trump

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ator, was a loner who "broke off the conversation whenever sexuality was mentioned," the physician said.

'He is a man who c into a corner and go on with his life unnoticed," said Dr. Pinksi, a psychology and neurology expert who interviewed the 39-

year-old Parche in jail. The balding and soft-spoken defendant confessed on the first day of proceedings Tues-day that he had plunged a knife into Seles's back during a tournament in Hamburg because she had replaced Graf as the world's top woman player.

outstanding, declarer conceded

hearts, the king losing to the ace.

East cashed the queen of diamonds, extracting the table's last fang and exited with a spade. Declarer still

had to surrender another club trick, losing in all two hearts; three clubs

tosing in all two hearts; three clubs and a trump—down one.

Now it's up to you. What do you think of the play?

It looks normal enough. East might have done better to shift to a spade at trick two attaching down.

spade at trick two, attacking dum-my's entry, but that posed consider-able risk and can hardly be described as an error. As the play went, however, South was guilty of a

major miscue. With nine trumps in the com-

bined hands missing the queen, it is normally correct to play for the drop—"eight ever, nine never"—

but here circumstances dictated

otherwise. After winning the ace of

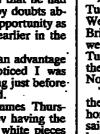
clubs, declarer should have cashed the are of diamonds, crossed to dummy with the are of spades and

taken the trump finesse. As the cards lie, it wins and all's well. But if

it loses, the contract is still safe: Declarer will be able to ruff the

fourth club in dummy and eliminate the potential third loser in that suit.

Mr. Parche, a lathe oper



The English supporters had gathered in the Dutch capital ahead of Wednesday evening's World Cup qualifying match between England and the Netherlands in Rotterdam.

city, they broke windows and aked passers-by during the early evening.

to disperse them. Glass littered the centre of

and car windows. The Netherlands-England

SALONEN WINS PHARAOH'S RALLY: Finnish driver Timo Salonen (right) and his teammate celebrate their victory in the 4,000-kilometre long Paraoh's Rally on top of their Citroen car in front of the Giza Pyramids Wednesday. Italy's Edy Orioli won the motorcycle category on a Cagiva, after Spaniard Jordi Arcarons, who had led since the second day of the 11-day event, lost his way on another Cagiva in the final kilometres (AFP photo)

English fans held after rampage in Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM (R) — Nearly 200 English soccer fans were arrested during running battles with police on the streets of Amsterdam overnight, a police spokesman said Wednesday.

Most of the 195 fans arrested Tuesday night and early Wednesday will be deported to Britain, a total of 48 other fans were ejected Monday and Tuesday after earlier trouble in the city and disturbances on a North Sea Ferry.

"Most of them will find themselves on a boat back home," a police spokesman said, adding that a small number would be brought before the Dutch courts.

After heavy drinking in the central red light district of the

Two policemen were injured in a confrontation with the fans before 350 riot police moved in

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event in the United States next year. It brings together two sets of supporters with an un-enviable record of football

hooliganism. English fans are expected to travel from Amsterdam to Rotterdam by train to mix with supporters pouring off North Sea ferries from Britain

throughout Wednesday.
The match is an all-ticket affair, with 4,900 seats allocated to the English Football Association. No tickets will be sold at the ground on match

British and Dutch police still expect between 1,000 and 1,800 English fans to make the

trip without tickets. Earlier Wednesday, Britain's interior minister condemned "predatory violence" by British soccer hooligans in the Netherlands, and said they should be banned from U.S. World Cup matches next year.

"I thoroughly deplore what has happened in Holland," Home Secretary Michael Ho-ward told BBC Radio. "I very much hope that the Dutch authorities will... charge those concerned with criminal off-

Authorities in Rotterdam introduced an emergency regula-tion Wednesday to increase police powers against rioting English soccer fans, the deputy match could knock one of the sport's big names out of soccer's showpiece World Cup mayor of Rotterdam said.

lraq feels pressure to qualify for World Cup, embarrass U.S.

DOHA (AP) — Iraq's soccer team can think of little but America and the chance to avenge Baghdad's Gulf War humiliation as it prepares for the World Cup's final Asian qualifying round.

The two top teams in this tournament advance to the finals next June and July in the United States. The championship venue offers a special incentive for Iraq.

There is only one thought in our mind now. In fact this thought is in the mind of every Iraqi back bome --- we must qualify and go to America," said Iraqi coach Adnan Dirjal, once the top defender and captain of the national team.

"If we qualify, we know it will be the biggest slap the monster America will get," said Dirjal. "And then we will show the Americans that playing soccer is different from bombing Baghdad from the

The national soccer team is under tremendous pressure to qualify for the finals and embarrass America.

Fight to the death and come back to Iraq with a visa for Uncle Sam's country ... the Iraqi people will accept no-thing less than victory," said the Al Baath Arriyadhi sports newspaper in Baghdad.

The pressure for vengeance extends also to Saudi Arabia. one of the other five teams at this tournament and the country where the massive U.S.-led multinational force assembled to drive Iraq out of Kuwait in February 1991.

... Our implacable enemy. the Saudis must be crushed before a television audience of milions around the world," said the Baghdad newspaper.

The other teams between Iraq and its dream are South Korea, Iran, North Korea and

Like most outfits in Iraq, the soccer team is made up mostly of soldiers and policeman.

The Iraqi Football Association, headed by President Saddam Hussein's son Odai, lists eight players from the air force and four from the police. It says three others are students and seven are civilians.

In Doha, Dirjal has kept the players under strict discipline. No outside phone calls are permitted, perhaps also to check any move to defect. The players are under instruction not to talk to anyone and go to

bed early.
In its effort to reach Amer-

ica, the players trained hard before travelling to Doha. The regimen in Baghdad included running across sand dunes to increase endurance and swimming river currents to build strength. Legend also says a dip in either the Tigris or the Euphrates brings celestial bles-

sings and strength. Qualification does not necessarily mean Iraq will get the chance to play the United States in the finals. The 24 qualifying nations will be seeded and placed in six groups of four teams at the World Cup draw on Dec. 19 in Las Vegas,

The question also arises: Will the United States let the Iraqis into the country?

Earlier this year, the U.S.

State Department turned down an appeal to allow Libyan athletes into the country to participate in the World University Games, which was held in Buffalo, N.Y.

nied the Libyans visas because of the country's "links to terrorism." The games' organisers, however, insisted that when Buffalo was selected in 1989, the government promised to let in all athletes who were scheduled to participate.

The State Department de-

ers got a similar promise from President Ronald Reagan in 1987. Reagan wrote a letter to FIFA promising full cooperation "in the areas of visas, work permits and customs" if

the World Cun "So far FIFA is concerned. the U.S. must allow all qualifying countries, period," said Frits Ahlstrom, the FIFA

the United States was awarded

spokesman in Doha. "We have no reason to believe that this will not be the case," Ahistrom, of Denmark,

"The Iraqi team appears very, very serious to make it to the finals," he said of Iraqi preparedness in Doha.

Soccer is the No. 1 sport in Iraq where there are more than 500 soccer clubs. An estimated 100,000 people play in various tournaments — from the pre-stigious National League to village events

Dirjal has tried to encourage his team's dreams by showing them videos of legendary players just before they go to bed. We will play total football and you wait for surprises," said Dirjal, without claborat-

U.S. is out for experience against Mexico

WASHINGTON (AFP) -The United States-Mexico football friendly here is about education, not revenge for America's 4-0 loss in the 1993

Gold Cup final, U.S. manager Bora Milutinovic said. Mexico Manager Miguel Mejia Baron seconds that opinion, saying he brought his players to the match at RFK Stadium, one of the 1994 World Cup venues, for a taste of football in the United

"This game should be viewed as a warm-up, a friend-ly match," Baron said Tuesday. "Some people may try to view this as a revenge match, but the earliest you can look at it that way is during the World

players from the side that beat the United States 4-0 in the smoggy, sweltering Azteca Sta-dium on July 25. But Baron

said he believes the men he brought will be able to get the job done. Milutinovic said they would provide a tough test.

attacking style of play which is capable of producing many. many goals, he said.

Milatinovic, whose side gains automatic entry to the World

The only reason (the) game is being played is to prepare for the World Cup."

Mexico will be without six Cup as the hosts, says his focus now is on preparing his re-latively inexperienced players for next summer.

"To win, you need to know how to win," he said. "We need to train, we need to play, we need to improve. This is what we must do in 1993. Then we will be ready for 1994."
As in the Gold Cup final,

Milutinovic is relying on defender Cle Kooiman, who plays in the Mexican League. He has also called up forward Ernie Stewart, who plays in the Netherlands.

Milutinovic did say he would like to see his side score more. goals than they have in their ast three encounters with Mexican teams Before the 0-4 loss in Mexico

City, Milutinovic's teams had lost two 0-1 games to Mexican "Now, I think it is time to score against Mexico," Miluti-

Jays beat Sox to win American League championship

CHICAGO (R) — The Toronto Blue Jays beat the Chicago White Sox 6-3 to win the

American League pennant for the second consecutive year. Blue Jay Pitcher Dave Stewart, who gave up just four hits in 7-1/3 innings, was named the Most Valuable Player in the American League Championship Series (ALCS). Stewart, who is 8-0 in ALCS

games, also won the award in Pat Border drove in three runs for the Blue Jays, who won the best-of-seven series four games to two, notching victories in all three games in Chicago's Comiskey Park.

Stewart again outdueled Alex Fernandez, whom he beat in game two. Stewart, who walked four and struck out three, took a three-hitter into the eighth and retired leadoff hitter Joey

But Frank Thomas singled and Robin Ventura sent a liner foul down the right-field line. Duane Ward, who allowed a homer to Ventura in game five, replaced Stewart and fanned Ventura and Ellis Burks.

Devon white hitl a solo homer and Paul Molitor drilled a two-run triple in a three-run minth to provide a cushion for Ward, who allowed a solo homer by Warren Newson in the bottom of the inning but still recorded his second save of the series, sealing Toronto's

second consecutive pennant. The defending champions will open the World Series at home Saturday night against either the Philadelphia Phillies or the Atlanta Braves. The Phillies hold a three-gamestwo-two lead in the National

League Championship Series.
"They gave me a chance to get in another World Series and I'm grateful for that," said Stewart, who reached the fall classic in 1990 with the Oakland Athletics. "It's just being in the right place at the right

"I'm just out there having fun, living the dream, playing a child's game as an adult," he said. "The situations I've been through time and time again as a kid in my mind. So when the reality hits, it's not as difficult

to perform.
"I enjoy the fact that I'm sitting here and they're going home." Stewart said. "There is

nothing that compares to win-

Toronto manager Cito Gaston said: "We really don't care



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Yeltsin says Russia, Japan headed for normal relations

-TOKYO (R) -- Russian President Boris Yeltsin flew home Wednesday after a historic visit to Japan hailed by both sides as a success in thawing decades of cold war hostility.

Mr. Yeltsin praised the cooperative stance of new Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, who refrained from insisting on a Russian pledge to return four islands seized by Soviet troops in the last days of World War II.

The territorial dispute has soured relations ever since. Japan has refused to sign a peace treaty formally ending the war or extend large-scale bilateral aid to Russia until it agrees to hand back the is-

In a joint communique after the end of Mr. Yeltsin's threeday visit, the two sides agreed on three principles in future territorial negotiations - historical and legal facts, all past treaties and documents and law and justice.

"This groundwork, described as an 'effort to overcome the legacy of totalitarianism' in the preamble of the communique, would have been impossible in our ties with the Soviet Union," a Japanese Foreign Ministry official told reporters.

"This is a good start, a new page in bilateral ties." Mr. Hosokawa told a news conference: "President Yeltsin's visit has opened the first page towards normalising rela-

tions ... we 've established the

foundation for new (territorial) negotiations.' Mr. Yeltsin went bome without new promises of economic aid but appeared content with Japan's promise to deliver aid it had promised earlier but still

SANAA (R) — Yemen sank

into a new political crisis Wednesday when the Aden-

based Yemen Socialist Party

(YSP) that dominates southern

Yemen boycotted the

swearing-in of a new presiden-

layed the widely expected

reelection of President Ali

Abdullah Saleh, the northern

Yemeni leader who with the

YSP engineered the merger of North and South Yemen in

Members of parliament and

They were told it was post-

By John Halaby

The Associated Press

AMMAN - Two Marxist-

oriented Palestinian factions

have formed a joint command

to strengthen their challenge of

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat,

a senior official of one group

said Wednesday. Abdul Rahim Mallouh, a

member of the politburo of the

Popular Front for the Libera-

tion of Palestine (PFLP), said

his group and the Democratic

Front for the Liberation of

Palestine (DFLP), set a up a

14-member joint leadership

The committee, formed ear-

committee based in Damascus.

lier this week, is co-chaired by

the Popular Front's George

Habash and Nayef Hawatmeh

of the Democratic Front, Mr.

Mallouh told the Associated

"Democracy will be our key

word," he said. "Every deci-

sion will be made on the basis

Mr. Mallouh said the joint

command, along with other

Palestinian dissident groups.

will pursue a campaign aimed

at derailing the autonomy

accord between the PLO and

Both groups reject the

accord as a sellout of the

Palestinian cause because it

falls short of Palestinian state-

hood. Both are members of a

10-faction Palestinian alliance

formed in Damascus in

September 1992 with a goal of

wrecking the Middle East

the present leadership of the

PLO and seek reforms within

the organisation." said Mr.

He said the 10-member

alliance was arranging a

"We will work to confront

peace process.

of majority opinion.

poned because the YSP's two (GPC).

PFLP, DFLP form joint

iplomats waited for two hours for the swearing in of the five-member council and election

of a new president.

The boycott indefinitely de-

Socialist party boycott

plunges Yemen into crisis

up the way towards solving our (territorial) problem." Mr. Yeltsin told the news conference. "Our two countries are growing closer psychologically and in the end we will be able to resolve the (islands dis-

Mr. Yeltsin said he told Mr. Hosokawa Russia would honour treaties the Soviet Union had signed with Japan. "We will (solve our problem) by

realising these pacts," he said. The president said he and Mr. Hosokawa agreed to continue negotiations in Moscow on the islands at a date to be worked out through diplomatic channels. "This issue cannot be solved in one meeting," he

Mr. Yeltsin, who twice cancelled Tokyo visits in the past year over the former conservative government's intransigent line, said much credit for success this time went to Mr. Hosokawa, liberal head of a two-month-old coalition gov-

"This visit became possible because Japan has begun to consider political and economic issues separately," he said.
"Another factor is that the new prime minister has taken a

new political stance.' Japanese Foreign Ministry officials said Tokyo's new guiding principle in relations would be one of "balanced expansion" in political and economic

The principle of 'indivisibility of politics and economics' has evolved into balanced expansion," a senior official told reporters in answers to a ques-

Mr. Hosokawa told the news conference Mr. Yeltsin had agreed to honour a 1956 joint declaration in which the Soviet pending.

"This visit has finally opened Union said it was ready to

representatives on the council.

Vice-President Ali Salem Al

Baidh and Saleh Mohammad.

national Palestinian confer-

ence" to set up a "shadow

PLO along the same concept as

that of the shadow cabinet in

England."
"One of our objectives is to

wreck the autonomy accord,

but we also want to offer the

best democratic forum for the

Palestinian people," Mr. Said

Mallouh, who resigned from the ruling PLO Executive

Committee last mouth in pro-

test against the autonomy deal.

total unity between the two

"We hope to announce a

Political sources said the two

had failed to show up.

negotiate return of the two smaller islands.

The future of the other two was to be left to later negotia-

"President Yeltsin has said Russia will abide by all international pacts agreed to in the past and this naturally includes the 1956 pact," Mr. Hosokawa

."I asked him about that in our meeting yesterday, whether his promise to honour all past pacts included the 1956 one, and he said that's what he

While Japan had hoped Mr. Yeltsin would agree to include the 1956 agreement in the communique, it had to settle for a named reference to all four islands.

The two leaders said in the document they had undertaken 'serious negotiations" on the future of Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shikotan and the Habomai group and would continue talks in order to sign a peace

treaty as soon as possible.

Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Hosokawa also signed an economic communique, and 16 docu-ments paving the way for in-creased financial and technical

Japan and Russia, according to the economic statement, agreed to boost cooperation in 11 economic sectors, including banking, energy, steel, timber, telecommunications and conversion of military facilities to

Among the 16 documents were three pacts creating legal framework for delivery of Japanese aid promised in the past. Japan, which has deli-vered only about 10 per cent of the \$4.6 billion it has pledged, offered no new economic

forces kill

remained in their Aden stronghold. The party, which once ruled South Yemen, came second in Yemen's first parmentary elections this year. Mr. Baidh, who has been vice-president since North and

The latest killings brought the guerrilla death toll to seven in the past five days.

South Yearen merged in 1990, has stayed away from Sanaa since July. He has been at odds with President Saleh since a brought the Islamist Islah Party into the governing coalition with the YSP and Mr. Saleh's General People's Congress

command, seek total unity

The Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) said in a statement that one of its guerrilla units on its way to attack targets in northern Israel was ambushed inside the "security zone.

It said a fierce battle raged but gave no further details. Israeli military sources said the three were killed after attacking Israel's militia allies, the South Lebanon Army (SLA), but the Lebanese security sources in the zone

fronts in early 1994," he Dr. Habash, internist in his mid-60s born in Lod, in what is now Israel, and Mr. Hawatmeh, a Jordanian in his late 50s

born in Jerusalem, split in 1969 shortly after Dr. Habash established the Popular Front. Both are of the Christian faith. Mr. Hawatmeh formed the Democratic Front shortly the zone.

thereafter. The two groups, the second and third largest factions in the PLO after Arafat's Fateh, are now based in Damascus. The Popular Front was

further split when Ahmad Jibril fell out with Dr. Habash and formed his PFLP-General-Command, also based in the Syrian capital.

Bassam Abu Sharif, a political advisor to Mr. Arafat, was one of the leaders of the Popular Front before he moved away from Mr. Habash and joined the PLO chairman in

The Democratic Front suffered a rift in 1990 when Yasser Abed Rabbo, who is now a close Arafat confidant and member of the PLO Executive Committee, decided to set up his own wing of the DFLP based in Tunis, where the PLO is headquartered.

Israeli 7 guerrillas in Lebanon

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (R) - Israeli forces killed three Palestinian guerrillas who infiltrated Israel's "security zone" in South Lebanon on their way to attack northern Israel late Tuesday, security sources said on Wednesday.

They said that shortly before their militia allies fired tank and artillery shells at a squad of guerrillas in the Qantara area just inside the unilateral "security zone," which extends 15 kilometres into Lebanon.

Three guerrillas armed with machineguns, hand grenades, anti-rank missiles and explosive charges were killed.

said the guerrillas failed to attack before they were spot-

SLA militiamen searched Wednesday for other guerrillas who might have slipped into the zone, the sources said. Israeli and SLA gunners also

fired 150 artillery shells on Wednesday around Braachit, Shaqra and Zibqine villages, where pro-Iranian Hizbollah guerrillas are active north of

Palestinian and pro-Iranian Lebanese guerrillas have launched more than 30 attacks on Israeli and SLA forces in the zone since Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel signed a peace agreement in Washington on Sept. 13.

Since then Palestinian guerrillas trying to sabotage the agreement, including a PFLP guerrilla on a jet ski, have twice attempted to infiltrate northern Israel.

Israeli military sources said on Wednesday that Israeli soldiers had killed three guerrillas north of the zone after a chase lasting several days.

The three militants, members of the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine (IJMP), wounded an Israeli soldier last Thursday when they fired across the border on an army patrol in northern



pens with Japanese Prime Minister Moribiro Hosokawa at the Akasaka guest house after

Israel did not transfer U.S. technology to China—Rabin

PEKING (AFP) — Israel has never transferred U.S. military technology to China, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Wednesday in Peking. Mr. Rabin said the question

of China's arms sales to the Middle East was raised in talks with Chinese leaders. At a press conference prior

to his departure from the Chinese capital for Shanghai. Mr. Rabin said: "We have never, I stress never, done anything against U.S. law. We have not transmitted high-tech we received from the United

U.S. State Department spokesman Michael McCurry said Tuesday in Washington that the United States had called for explanations from Israel regarding transfers of U.S. military technology to China.

The New York Times said, citing a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) report, that Israel had sold "billions of dollars" in arms to China over a period of some 10 years, mainly tanks, air-to-air missiles

and aircraft.

"We are not stupid enough to endanger \$3 billion in civil and military grants every year from the United States," Mr. Rabin said, adding the "billions of dollars" quoted by the New York Times was "total

He said Israel's total exports to China last year were worth about \$60 million. His reaction to the arms sale

allegations was also carried by the official Chinese newsagency Xinhua. Mr. Rabin is the first Israeli

head of government to come to Peking since the country established diplomatic relations in January 1992 with China, which has long had ties with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and maintains relations with several countries in the Middle East.

China's military and nuclear cooperation with Syria, Iraq and especially Iran, remains a chief source of Sino-Israeli fric-

"All the issues related to peace negotiations and to the

arms race (in the Middle East) have been raised and discus-sed," Mr. Rabin said, adding he did "not want to go into details." Israel's main fear is Iran, China had promised in May during a visit by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres that it would no longer sell missiles to Iran or Syria.

However, nuclear cooperation between Peking and Tehran, purely to meet civilian energy needs, according to China, continues to trouble Israel.

Israeli embassy press attache Eyal Propper said: "The nuc-lear policy of Iran is the main

Regarding negotiations which began Wednesday in Egypt between Israel and the PLO, Mr. Rabin said the talks would be "a test case" for the accord on Palestinian auton-

Mr. Rabin said his China visit had given "a new basis and created a new atmos-phere" for Sino-Israeli coop-

Likud has own map to accept peace deal

The Times of London

ISRAEL's right-wing opposi-tion leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, is drawing up secret plans to accept the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace agreement and offer Palestinian self-rule in some areas of the occupied territories.

In a dramatic policy rever-sal, aimed at ending his Likud party's falling popularity and political isolation, the notor-iously hawkish leader has decided to drop his outright objection to the Gaza-Jericho first agreement signed last month in Washington.

Although Mr. Netanyahu would not comment publicly about his change of position, senior Likud officials said that the party's hard pressed leader would unveil his, proposal, complete with a detailed map, during next week's meeting of Likud's central committee.

If the plan is accepted it would amount to an extraordinary ideological shift for a party built around the concept that it will always defend the "territorial integrity of eretz Israel," including the territor-ies captured and occupied, par-ticularly the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The move is seen as a desperate attempt by the once dominant party to move back to the centre of Israeli politics after a crushing poll defeat last year.

"That phase is over. We now have a new position that is more positive and more realistic," said one official close to Mr. Netanyahu, who now appears to have dumped his extreme-nationalist allies.

Likud will propose dividing the occupied territories into Palestinian autonomous areas and Israeli security zones. The plan would grant self-rule in the main Arab populations centres, like Gaza Strip and the West Bank towns, while Israel would maintain control over the Jewish settlements and all the border areas.

UAE blames Indians for spread of prostitution,

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rates (AFP) - The small Gulf Emirate of Dubai is blaming Indian prostitutes for the spread of the acquired immune-deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Dubai's police com-mander, Brigadier Dahi Khalfan, was quoted as saying that many women were coming on visit visas to become prostitutes, attracted by the high income in the oil-rich emirate. "Statistics show that 82.2 per cent of those jailed on charges of running prostitution houses are Indians, nine per cent Bangladeshis, two per cent Pakistanis, 4.9 per cent Syrians and less than one per cent Lebanese," he said in a press comments published in the loc-al press. He said 20 of the 24 people expelled this year after they tested positive for the human immune-deficiency virus (HIV) were Indians and the rest included Pakistanis and Ugandans. The police chief also blamed lax punishment against prostitution and abuse of immigration laws by airport authorities in one of the seven sheikhdoms making up the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He did not name the airport but called for prosecuting those responsible. More than 700,000 Indians and Pakistanis live in the UAE. The UAE said it had detected more than 1,000 cases of people contaminated by the AIDS virus last year.

Henry Moore's daughter lays claim to fortune

LONDON (AFP) — Mary Danowski, daughter of sculp-tor Henry Moore, laid claim Tuesday to part the multi-million pound fortune in art works held by the Henry Moore Foundation, since her father's death seven years ago. Ms. Danowski, 46, went to the high court for a ruling that the artists' unsold non-commercial sculptures and other works, executed in the last ten years of his life, remained his personal property and not the property of the foundation. The Henry Moore Foundation, set up by the sculptor in 1976 to promote and encourage public apprecia-tion of sculpture, said that it owned the works under an agreement the sculptor signed with the foundation in 1977. Danowski's counsel said that mterpretation of the ment between Moore and the foundation was at the centre of the case. Moore, described in the hearing as "arguably the greatest sculptor of this ceatury", died in August 1986, aged 88, leaving his estate to his wife Irina. When she died three years later she left everything. to Ms. Danowski, the couple's only child, and to Ms. Danowski's three children. Ms. Danowski's counsel asked the court to rule that the work in dispute — an undisclosed amount but said to number in the hundreds - remained in Henry Moore's ownership and did not automaucany the property of the foundation. did not automatically become Smokers lobby

U.K. health minister

LONDON (AFP) - British smokers lobbied Health ... Secretary Virginia Bottomley for guarantees. of equal treat-ment by the National Health Service (NHS), where some doctors are refusing to accept patients who fail to give up the habit. "The freely chosen lifestyle of a patient is an unacceptable means of determining eligibility for medical tests and treatment," said Lord Harris of High Cross. He is chairman of FOREST (Freedom Organisation For the Right To English To En joy Smoking Tobacco), which has the backing of some lawyers and doctors and members of parliament. Lord Harris said: "It must worry many, people that treatment under the NHS is becoming subject to a doctor's opinion of the patient's lifestyle. We strongly, oppose such discrimination ... and invite Mrs. Bottomley to: condemn it as well." In an. open letter to the minister, Lord Forest asked: "Would you countenance the refusal oftreatment for patients with. AIDS, or venereal diseases? Or illnesses caused by too much alcohol or overeating? Or-those with injuries sustained. during sporting activities?"
The issue flared dramatically in August when a 47-year-old man died of a heart attack after a hospital refused to carry outa heart operation because he

Libyans reject trial in U.S., U.K. — lawyer

EDINBURGH (R) — The two Libyans accused of the Lockerbie bombing will never surrender for trial in Scotland or the United States, their Scottish lawyer said on Wednesday.

"The two accused are willing to stand trial but not in the U.S. or Scotland, ever, at any time," said Alastair Duff. They will not come to Scotland or the U.S. now or in the

They would, however, be willing to stand trial elsewhere,

"The position is that the two accused are willing to stand trial in an alternative country. preferably an Arabic-speaking one or one in the Mediterra-nean area," Mr. Duff said.

"If the British and U.S. authorities refuse to accept a third country there will be no trial ever, anywhere," he said. Mr. Duff, one of the defence sures will be imposed in fi-

Mohammad, Al Megrahi and Amin Khalifa Fhimah in Tripoli last weekend, said he was speaking with full instructions from them.

team who met Abdei Baset Ali

said they had advised their clients not to agree to stand trial in Scotland for the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am Boeing 747 that killed 270 people unless various guarantees of a fair trial were given.
The British Foreign Office

said the Duff statement made no difference to the Western demands that the two be handed over.

"The position remains the same that we expect Libya to comply fully and unconditionally with Security Council resolutions," a Foreign Office spokesman said. "If they do not, further mea-"

ogy areas," he added. Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has refused to hand them over to U.S. and British authorities but has said he would not stand in their way if tarily.

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Another member of the defence team, Lord Macaulary, of Bragar, said on Tuesday the suspects had sought assurances. about criminal trials in Scotland that he could not give. Mr. Duff said the men's

main concern was that it would not be possible to find a Scottish or American jury whose views had not been tainted by prejudicial pre-trial publicitys
He said they were willing to answer the charges.

"They are extremely con-cerned to establish their innocence," Mr. Duff said. "They are confident they can do so, given a proper opportunity to

before an impartial tribunfBritain and the United States issued arrest warrants

for the two men in November

prepare their case and present

1991. · Libya's refusal to surrender them led to imposition of U.N. sanctions. Tougher measures had been threatened if they were not handed over by Oct.

1 (see page 2). Mr. Duff said that in the absence of an extradition treaty, the men were fully entitled to remain in Libya, even though Libya had urged them to surrender for trial in Scotland.

"The United Kingdom and U.S. governments are trying to bully Libya through the United Nations into violating the rights these two men have to remain in their own country," he said.

King: Peace must reflect on people's life medicine and other essentials. (Continued from page 1)

by all so that the monetheistic

religions will not only come together but will (also) manifest God's will in making Jerusalem that important to all of us in a way that has never happened before." At the same time, he said.

the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks would also have to tackle the issue of Jerusalem so that the Holy City "will... represent true peace between the two He criticised a recent Israeli

court ruling on repair of Islamic holy places in Jerusalem, particularly the Haram Al Sharif complex which houses the Al Aqsa and Dome of the Rock mosques.

"We hope that it would not lead to something more dangerous and could be a threat to the peace process, the King said. However, Jordan "will continue to carry out our duties and look after our holy places until such time an acceptable solution is found for

The King said he was "very pleased" with the outcome of the recent visit to the U.S. and several European capitals by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. "I am very hopeful that we will continue to do whatever we can to establish a just and comprehensive peace because, once again, to have it mean something it has to affect people and that is what we are seeking right now.'

He reiterated that to discuss the idea of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation was premature at this point in time. But in the interim, he said, we will work very, very closely together...in a manner that will dispel any illusions or ideas that existed until a short while ago that Jordan had ambitions in the occupied territories, on

Palestinian soil." "Jordan is a partner, nothing else, seeking for the Palestinians to recover their rights," he added. "For the structure to last, whatever it is, we have to work in a way that causes

people to feel the results..." The King said there were signs of improvement in Jordan's ties with the Gulf states. "We believe that there are good feelings indicating that (reconciliation) will be happening before long." "We are always trying to

help stability, peace security and progress," the King said. The King expressed concern over the welfare of the people of Iraq, "We are worried about Iraq...the people of Iraq," he said, noting that a recent U.N.

report indicated that up to one

million children could die in

Iraq as a result of the lack of

"What I wish for Iraq is national reconciliation, democracy, pluralism, respect for human rights," he said. "My concern is not, and has never been, with individuals; my concern has always been with peo-

The King said he believed that the Nov. 8 elections in Jorđan "wili be very, very interesting."
Asked whether he would

consider an elected govern-ment from the new Parliament, the King said the overabundance of political parties in the Kingdom precluded such an immediate possibility. "I believe that it will prob-

ably be the next elections, four years from, or maybe eight years from now, until we see what will actually happen," the King said. "A dwindling of the number of these parties probably to a reasonable few that will have the support and will be able to present the kind of programmes — maybe will be necessary..

The King paid tribute to Jordan's "very important role" in the region and to Jordan-Japanese relations. "I certainly hope that we can work closely together and I can see that Japan has a great impact in terms of stabilising this re-

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contributing to the develop-ment of the Middle East, Mr. Dudin said the forum was an important step because the donors pledged to provide assistance for a peaceful future for the Palestinians and the other Arab parties.
But, Mr. Dudin said, the

fate of this step would remain much in doubt unless it is translated into practical moves for the benefit of the victims of the long conflict.

Mark Beyron, the chairman

of the working group on re-fugees, said the three-day meeting would work out some plans to provide health, education and vocational training for refugees mainly in the occupied territories, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

He said the working group, a forum of the U.S.-Russian sponsored Middle East peace talks, would implement the plans over the next 12 to 13

The Canadian chairman of the group also said the peace accord signed by the PLO and Israel in Washington last month will consolidate efforts of the working group which started in Ottawa, Canada, last

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